



Garth Olwg U3A

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DECEMBER, 2025 NEWSLETTER

It's that time of year again !!!

A Happy, Healthy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to All Our Members

Dear Member,

As we approach Christmas, all our U3A events grind to a halt. Our final event of the year will be our Annual Christmas Lunch on 10th December. **Remember, the coach will be leaving The Hollybush Pub in Church Village at 1pm.** (Times are a little later this year owing to the coach commitments for the "School Runs").

Contact : Elaine Williams on williams.me.49@gmail.com

The only other event is :

Thursday, 27th November – The **Art & Architecture Group** – meeting at 2 pm in Tabernacle Chapel in Efail Isaf.

The subject will be eminent Victorian architects, including Alfred Waterhouse, whose most famous building is the Natural History Museum in London, and Edwin Lutyens, who designed many country houses and public buildings, including Lindisfarne Castle and the Cenotaph in Whitehall. We will be watching a DVD of the BBC series from the 1970s presented by John Betjeman.

Contact : Beryl Keating on 01443 222637 or 07804834344

Both the Enjoying Science Group and The Book Club have other arrangements for December and the members of these Groups have already been informed of this.

Contact John at : John Sayle on 07766 714669

Contact : Clare Thomas on 07833 647383 or thomasnj53@aol.com

The **Murder Mystery Evening** went off with a bang – a VERY successful evening and our grateful thanks go out to all those involved in its preparation and staging.

1. SUGGESTIONS

No suggestions have been received this month.

All current suggestions will be reviewed at the Trustees Meeting in January, 2026.

The suggestion regarding the Hay Book Festival is already being pursued as bookings have to be made ASAP.

2. INTEREST GROUPS

Should you have an interest in forming a new Interest Group then please contact our new **Interest Groups Co-ordinator – Barbara Brown on 07734 384234 or barbarabrown0550@gmail.com**

Should you want to join an Interest Group, then please contact the relevant Interest Group Leader or Barbara Brown BEFORE pitching up to the meeting as some Groups are already full.

3. EARLY NEW YEAR

The first event of the New Year is the meeting of the Book Club on 7th January.

The book to be discussed at this meeting is “The Winter Ghost” by Kate Mosse.

Ten years after the end of the Great War, Freddie Watson still cannot get over his elder brother's death. On his doctor's recommendation, he's driving around France, going where his nose leads him. Now, he's in the French Pyrenees and after crashing his car during a snowstorm, Freddie makes his way to a small, isolated village called Nulle. That evening, he attends la fete de Saint-Etienne at the town hall. There, he meets Fabrissa, a beautiful young woman who vanishes at dawn.

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4. FINALLY, I am attaching our Branch Rules for your consideration. Some of these have changed over the years, so run your eyes over them to refresh your memory banks.

Bob Davies

(Business & Communications Secretary and Membership Secretary)

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Things You Didn't Want to Know :

- £1,000 invested in the cocaine trade in 2014 would have been worth £182,000 in 2025.
- It would cost £9 billion to buy one of everything for sale on Amazon.com.
- America's nuclear weapons are still controlled by floppy discs.

Mis-Spellings

The most commonly misspelled word in the English language is the word “separate”. A survey in 2010 found that “separate”—typically misspelled with an “e” in place of the first “a”—was the most troublesome word in the English language, seeing off competition from the likes of “definitely” in second place, and “manoeuvre” in third. Elsewhere, combinations of double and single letters seemingly proved difficult (embarrass, occurrence, unnecessary, and broccoli all made the top twenty), as well as easily confusable cs and ss (consensus, supersede, conscience) and a handful of foreign borrowings (connoisseur, entrepreneur). Curiously, the fifteenth most commonly misspelled word in English is “a lot”.

To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment.” *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

GARTH OLWG U3A -- RULES

Our Constitution allows “Rules” under Clause 31 viz:-

1) *The Trustees may from time to time make rules or bylaws for the conduct of their business*

And, under Clauses 31 (3) and (4) :

3) *the charity, in General Meeting, has the power to alter, add or repeal the rules or bylaws.*

4) *The Trustees must adapt such means as they think sufficient to bring the rules and bylaws to the notice of members of the charity.*

1. LUNCH CLUB :

An announcement was made whereby, the last opportunity for booking a lunch club lunch will be the Sunday evening following the relevant General Meeting. Cancellation after the cut-off date will mean that any deposit already paid will become “non-refundable”.

General Meeting on 17th May, 2023, amended at Trustees Meeting of 5th August, 2024

2. SHORT NOTICE CANCELLATION OF EVENTS

In the event of adverse weather conditions, the Trustees will make a decision by 10am on the morning of that event whether or not the event will proceed. This decision will be made public to our Members via eMail only by 12 noon on that day. If any Member has doubt, then contact a Trustee via phone.

Early February, 2024 – on Website & in Newsletter

3. VISITOR ATTENDANCE

Visitors can attend two events for free before becoming a Member.

Confirmed at a Trustees Meeting on 4th March, 2024

4. MEMBERSHIP FEES

i) The membership year of Garth Olwg U3A is 1st April to the following 31st March.

ii) The Membership Fee is set annually.

iii) Members renewing their membership in consecutive years are required to pay the full Membership Fee.

iv) Annual membership must be renewed, that is Membership Form completed and signed ***and*** fee paid within 3 calendar months (i.e by 30th June) otherwise membership will be terminated \ lapsed.

v) For those belonging to another U3A, the annual Membership Fee is reduced by the “Capitation Fee” currently paid to Third Age Trust. (Proof of other membership required). This applies only to full year membership.

vi) Lapsed members must pay the full annual Membership Fee on re-joining.

vii) New members joining between April and September will be required to pay the full annual Membership Fee.

viii) New members joining between October and January will be required to pay half the annual Membership Fee.

ix) A prospective member attending for the first time in February will not be required to pay Membership Fees until the start of the next financial year on 1st April

Confirmed at a Trustee meeting on 1st November, 2025

5. TRIPS

Deposits on all organised events are non-refundable except when the Supplier is willing to refund that cost.

Confirmed at Trustees Meeting of 5th August, 2024 and amended at a Trustees meeting on 1st November, 2025

6 : ADVERTISING

We will not advertise activities of outside bodies unless it is agreed by the Trustees at a Trustee Meeting that it is to the advantage of our Branch.

Confirmed at a Trustee meeting on 1st November, 2025

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