



Garth Olwg U3A

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Registered Charity No. 1206759

MAY, 2026 NEWSLETTER

Dear Member,

1. WELCOME

Please remember to SIGN IN AT THE DOOR for our General Meetings.

This bulletin contains some information about our future events and Interest Groups.

2. IMPORTANT NOTICES

A) There are still many members who have not completed their Membership Forms.

MEMBERSHIP FEES OF £15pp ARE NOW DUE. Please collect your Membership

Forms immediately after “signing in” at the 20th May General Meeting if you have not

already done so and pay ASAP. It is preferred that NO CHEQUES be used in payment as each incurs a cost to us..

B) At the AGM on 15th April, the current Committee was retained. There was one Office bearer change though. Our Treasurer for many years - Pat Fletcher – has stepped down and her post has been taken over by **Clare Thomas**. As a mark of appreciation of Pat’s long service, it was unanimously agreed that she be made “Honorary President”. Pat still retains a place on your Committee.

C)

Pat has kindly volunteered to act as “Events Liaison Person”.

To “sign up” for events such as Trips or any other event, currently, you have to do this at the monthly General Meeting.

However, it may happen that you cannot attend a particular meeting but still want to go on that trip or attend a particular event.

In that case, contact Pat and she will sort it out for you.

This also applies to getting a Membership Form to renew your Membership.

You can contact Pat on 01443 202974 or 07854 154150 or eMail to patfletch46@outlook.com

D) We have a duty of “Due Diligence” to our Members. This includes us taking the initial steps to ensure your safety in the event of any emergency. (The insurance cover that we have is a part of this). To help us to help you in any event where you may need such help **please complete the “Emergency Contact” section on your**

Membership Card. You should have this with you whenever you attend a U3A function.

- E) The accounts of our Branch were presented at the AGM and are attached to this Newsletter for your perusal.

3. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- a) **The Hay Book Festival** : This trip is now FULL.
It is anticipated that the coach will leave from The Hollybush pub at 09H00 and leave Hay at 5pm.
- b) **Our Annual Tea Party** : This will be held on 24th June and the speaker is, by very popular demand, JOHN SHEEN. Those who attended last year's event will remember his very popular talk about schooldays and a similar theme is expected this year. Names and the payment will be taken at the 20th May General Meeting. This is a **CASH ONLY** event and the cost is £7pp. Tickets are now available
- c) **Cegin Gareth Kitchen** : This is booked for Friday, 17th July. The cost for the kitchen is £40pp and the coach cost is approx. £30pp. There are still about half a dozen vacancies for this trip and you can book at the 20th May General Meeting where a £20 non-refundable deposit will be required. The cost includes coffee & biscuits on arrival, a cookery demonstration, a 3-course lunch and, following lunch, a flower arrangement demonstration.

4. SUGGESTIONS

We have discussed all the suggestions recently received and are acting on several of them. A visit to the **Christmas Market at Worcester** on Saturday 5th December at a cost of £27 has been suggested. A "show of hands" to gauge interest will be taken at the General Meeting on 20th May. Similarly, interest to be shown for a "Race Night". Other suggestions were for visits to Laycock Abbey and the *SS Great Britain* at Bristol.

4. GENERAL NOTICES CONCERNING OUR MEETINGS

- a) **Our Monthly Raffle** : Each strip of tickets is only £1 so please pay up !!
- b) Please collect your **Membership Forms** immediately after "signing in". Those who have completed their form – **PLEASE PICK UP YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARDS.**
- c) Non-Renewed past members and visitors must sign the "VISTORS" form as per usual.

5. 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**

Cinema Group : As and when a suitable show is available – members will be notified by eMail.

Contact : Barbara Brown on 01443 201535

Theatre Group – As and when a suitable show is available – members will be notified by eMail.

Contact : Jacqui on 01443 205004 or 07399719235 or eMail to j.bunnage@talktalk.net

Culture Club : As and when a suitable event is available – members will be notified by eMail.

Contact : Beryl Keating on 01443 222637 or 07804834344

Tuesday 5th May – Enjoying Science Group -- Meeting in Garth Olwg Room 5 (the new number for room 21), 2pm.

THERE WILL NOT BE A MEETING THIS MONTH
THE ENJOYING SCIENCE GROUP NOW HAS ONE SPARE PLACE

Contact John at : John Sayle on 07766 714669

Wednesday 6th May - Book Club – This month's book is "Edith's Diary" by Patricia Highsmith.

As Edith Howland's life becomes harsh, her diary entries only become brighter. She invents a happy life. As she knits for imaginary grandchildren, the real world recedes. Her descent into madness is subtle, appalling, and entirely believable.

THIS GROUP IS NOW FULL

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

Wednesday, 13th May - Lunch Club:

Elaine has booked lunch at the "The Ivor Arms" in Pontyclun. : Deposits will be taken as usual at the General Meeting but everyone must now pay the balance of their own bill at the restaurant.

At our General Meeting on 17th May 2023, an announcement was made whereby the last opportunity for booking a lunch club lunch will be the Sunday evening following the relevant General Meeting.

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

Tuesday 19th May – Games Group

Calling all you board games enthusiasts – Why not join our Games Group and enjoy a couple of hours playing Rummicub and other games. which combine strategy and luck. The Group will meet in Room 19 in Garth Olwg LLC from 13.30 to 15H30.

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

Wednesday 20th May – General Meeting – Due to an event in the Theatre, the venue this month is **upstairs in the Functions Room**, Garth Olwg at 2pm.

The speaker this month is the popular author, Graham Loveluck-Edwards. Graham lives in the Vale of Glamorgan and he writes amusing Welsh history novels. His talk to us is about one of his books – "Historic Pubs of Wales".

Thursday, 21st May – Poetry Appreciation Group – This is a small, friendly group who enjoys sharing poems on an agreed theme. This month's theme is "Travel".

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Contact : Barbara Brown on 01443 201535

Tuesday, 26th May – Card Players – meeting at 2pm in Room 4 (i.e. upstairs) at Garth Olwg. "Canasta" is the current game being learned so get in on the ground floor. **A few more members of this group are needed.**

Contact : Phillip Hughes on 07964885857

Monday 1st June – monthly Trustees Meeting

Tuesday 2nd June – Enjoying Science Group -- Meeting in Garth Olwg Room 5 (the new number for room 21), 2pm.

We will continue with the DVD on Brian Cox's examination of our solar system. Having looked at each of the terrestrial (rocky) planets he turns his attention to the largest of the gas giants, Jupiter, and it's surprising influence on the structure of the solar system.

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Wednesday 3rd June - Book Club – This month’s book is “The Ladies of Llanfairpwll” by LK Wilde

Angharad Williams lives alone with her secrets and wants to keep it that way. But when her village hosts the formidable yet visionary Canadian, Madge Watt, Angharad is drawn into a movement that promises to change lives but could destroy her own. The pioneering Women’s Institute at Llanfairpwll, set up under Madge’s guidance, is all about breaking taboos, educating, and giving women a voice. It is also a place where Angharad finds something that has been missing all her life and that is friendship.

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

Wednesday, 10th June - Lunch Club:

Elaine has booked lunch at the “The Dynevor Arms” in Groesfaen. Deposits will be taken as usual at the General Meeting but everyone must now pay the balance of their own bill at the restaurant.

At our General Meeting on 17th May 2023, an announcement was made whereby the last opportunity for booking a lunch club lunch will be the Sunday evening following the relevant General Meeting.

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

Friday– Gardening Club – The next gardening group will be held in the Spring if there is an increase in numbers.

Contact : Jacqui on 01443 205004 or 07399719235 or eMail to j.bunnage@talktalk.net

6. And, FINALLY

We have, at last, caught up and we now have our own FACEBOOK PAGE. Just type in “gartholwg u3a” when next you go into “search” in FaceBook. Please look at our **NEW** branch website - very ably run by our own Jayne Harte. You can find this at <https://gartholwg.u3asite.uk> and also linked from our FaceBook page. This site is updated regularly and contains information on our local history, our various Interest Groups, the various trips that we’ve been on as well as your photographs and links to other u3a information – well worth a look.

Bob Davies

(Business & Communications Secretary and Membership Secretary)

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SCHOOLBOY HOWLERS (From 1930)

- A spiritualist is a man who works in a distillery.
- The embalmed body of an Egyptian is called a dummy.
- A goblet is a male turkey.
- A brunette is a young bear.
- A litre is a nest of young puppies.
- An invoice is another name for conscience.
- The feminine of bachelor is lady-in-waiting.
- A meteor is a thing you put pennies in to get gas.
- A conservative is a kind of greenhouse.
- Latitude is a state of weariness and faintness.

Our society must make it right and possible for old people not to fear the young or be deserted by them, for the test of a civilization is the way that it cares for its helpless members.
Pearl S. Buck, Nobelist novelist (26 Jun 1892-1973)

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AS PRESENTED AT THE AGM ON 15Th April, 2026

GARTH OLWG U3a 31/03/2025 to 01/04/2026

MEMBERS FEES	1764.00
GROUPS	859.26
RAFFLE	394.00
GIFT AID	392.11
TOTAL	3409.37

HEAD OFFICE	464.00
TAM	81.92
ROOM RENTAL	1373.51
SPEAKERS	610.00
GROUP EXPENSES	210.00
TRUSTEE EXP	409.99
RAFFLE	19.50
WEBSITE	50.00
BANK CHARGES	4.06
ASSETS /GIFT	154.21
TOTAL	3377.19

ACTIVITIES

INCOME	
QUIZ (1)	230.00
SUMMER PARTY	169.00
MURDER MYSTERY	2107.00
HEREFORD RACES	840.00
GWILLI RAILWAY	1015.00
XMAS PARTY	2040.00
XMAS COACH	360.00
LUNCH	60.00
QUIZ(2)	285.00
	7106

EXPENDITURE	
	202.14
	377.36
	1960.00
	870.00
	1070.00
	2100.00
	270.00
	33.40
	275.00
	7157.90

INCOME	10515.37 less	Expeniture	10535.09
Excess	excess		19.72

	Bank	471.81	
On hand 01/04/2024	Cash	4.13	
	Total	£475.94 less 19.72	456.22
On hand 31/03/2025	Bank	421.35	
	Cash	34.87	
	Total	456.22	456.22

Prepared by Pat Fletcher (Treasurer)

Audited by LUCY EMANUEL
Lucy Emanuel
 26/4/26

Pat Fletcher
26/4/26

NOTE YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALMOST £800 FROM THE MONTHLY RAFFLE AND FROM GIFT AID.