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From the Chairman

We have had yet another very interesting month. The well-attended and highly appreciated monthly talk was given by our very own Malcolm Cowper who spoke on the topic of the "Glamorgan's Greatest Generation" This was a fascinating insight into the memories of local people who had lived through the Second World War. Malcolm is certainly well placed to give this as the subject is the second of his published books. The new members coffee morning held at the RAFA club on 10th was well attended and very lively and I would like to thank all those who assisted in this successful morning. In the near future I look forward to meeting other new members who were not able to attend. The feedback I have obtained from the continuing visits to each of the internet groups has indicated there may be support for some new groups. Please be assured the committee and I are working on the proposals and hope to have some specific proposals over the next few months. Finally, I am pleased to say Porthcawl U3A now has its own FaceBook page. Please do take a look and feel free to add information or photographs about any of our activities on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PorthcawlU3A>

Chris (marilynjameschris@yahoo.co.uk); tel 864742

Wednesday 6th July 2.15pm at the Hi Tide:Talk by Martyn Popham and Neil Tapper *Parc Stormy - from a Brownfield Site to a Green Future*

Parc Stormy has been redeveloped from a rundown brownfield site into a cluster of Interconnected Renewable Technologies. The concept is modelled on Güssing in Austria, where a vibrant local economy has been created using the natural resources and waste products of the town and the surrounding area. Parc Stormy has a wind turbine and uses low carbon technology invented by Cardiff University to generate energy from mineral and other waste. It also has battery storage and there are plans for the installation of a hydrogen re-fuelling station. The initiative aims to demonstrate to future generations the effective development of low carbon energy production and the significant environmental and economic benefits that can be gained. This will be a fascinating and thought-provoking afternoon led by the managing director and the senior engineer of the company responsible for this exciting initiative. Do come along if you can.

Chris James (tel.864742)

Saturday 16th July: Visit to the Welsh Proms at St David's Hall, Cardiff

The coach for our visit to hear Verdi's *Requiem* will leave the Atlantic Hotel at 5.45 pm and Sainsbury's Bridgend at 6 pm (approx.).

Janice Lloyd (tel. 786532)

Tuesday 19th July: ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP'S ANNUAL TRIP OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

This year we will be visiting the **Newport Medieval Ship**, the best preserved 15th Century ship ever found. We will be given a talk about its excavation and preservation and the information it has given us about shipping and trade in that period. Following lunch, we will visit the famous **Newport Transporter Bridge**, for a talk on its history, and a ride across the Usk. The bridge was designed by a French man and opened in 1906, and is one of only seven transporter bridges left in the world.

We require a group minimum of 20 for the Transporter Bridge visit, so do come along! We will meet on 19th July at the Porthcawl Rugby Club car park and will share transport. We will actually depart at 9.30 am, so aim to arrive about 9.15 am.

Please ring me not before 5th July but as soon as possible thereafter and not later than the 12th if you want to come so that the venues can ensure the requisite number of guides and lunch arrangements can be made.

Ian Hutchinson Tel 654418

Wednesday 20th July: Visit to Malmesbury Abbey and the Abbey House Gardens

The coach for this visit will leave the Atlantic Hotel at 8.30am and Sainsbury's Bridgend at 8.50am (approx). The original abbey was built in the 7th century. By the 11th century it housed the second largest library in Europe and was considered one of the leading European centres of learning. The present abbey was completed in 1180,, and after the Dissolution the abbey church was returned to the town as a parish church. Among its many interesting features are the tombs of the grandson of Alfred the Great and of King Aethelstan The Abbey House Gardens cover 5 acres, include over 10,000 different plants and have featured on several television programmes. The cost of the visit to include coach fare and entry to the Gardens is **£22**. If you would like to join us on this enjoyable and interesting day out please telephone me to book your place and then send me at **84 Heol West Plas, Coity, Bridgend CF35 6BA – a cheque for £22 payable to Porthcawl U3A,**

Dorothy Jones (tel. 657571).

Sunday 31st July 12.30pm: Sunday Lunch Group at the Ancient Briton, Newton

This pub has its own car park. Lunch is priced at £6.95 for Beef, Pork or Turkey. Lamb is 50p extra. Small meals and Vegetarian options are available. **Places are limited so please leave me a message, with your choice and phone number, as soon as possible.** The Group will not meet in August. **Caroline David 01656 771657.**

Wednesday 3rd August: Visit to the National Eisteddfod at Abergavenny

The coach will leave the Atlantic Hotel at 8.30am and Sainsbury's Bridgend at 8.50am (approx.). On the Eisteddfod Field we'll find a huge range of exhibitions and other attractions whilst very high quality performances will take place in the Main Pavilion. The combined cost of entry and coach fare is **£30**. If you would like to join us on this very rewarding visit please telephone me to book your place and then send me at **84 Heol West Plas, Coity, Bridgend CF35 6BA – a cheque for £30 payable to Porthcawl U3A.** **Dorothy Jones (tel. 657571).**

Thursday 1st September: Visit to Cardiff New Theatre

This is a matinee performance of ' No Man's land ' by Harold Pinter, starring Patrick Stewart and Ian McKellen .

The coach will leave the Atlantic Hotel at 10.30 am, and Sainsbury's at 10.45 approx.

Due to the small number of tickets we were allocated, **the fare will be £8.00 p.p. on this occasion.** As there will be no separate August newsletter **please make sure that your coach payment reaches me by the middle of August** Thank you.

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Short Courses and a New Interest Group

Spanish for Beginners

This course is designed to give beginners the basic structures of the Spanish language and, for example, allow them to feel more confident about speaking Spanish while on holiday. This month we'll meet **at the Rugby Club at 10am on Tuesday 12th July.** **Declan Gilmartin (tel. 772675)**

Beginners Bridge

This course will continue on Tuesdays July at 2pm in the side room of **Awel y Mor Community Centre, subject to the availability of Pat and Tony, which will be made known from week to week.** U3A Bridge will be at the same place and time on **Tuesday 5th & 19th** . If you would like to take this opportunity to give Bridge a try do not delay. Contact me by phone or e mail **c.david @ gmail.com** **Caroline David 01656 771657**

A Study of Musical Theatre

This short course features a chronological history of the genre from 1905 to the present day with illustrations from both familiar and less familiar musicals. Each session features substantial highlights from one specific musical. **Our meeting this month will be on Monday 4th July at 2pm at the Y Centre when we will consider "Les Mis" and other French delights** **Harry Lowman (tel. 663353)**

New Interest Group: Book Club Three

We are now able to offer a third Book Club Group – Book Club 3. It will be run at my home which is **2 Bardsey Close, Nottage and our next meeting will be at 10am on Thursday 14th July when we will discuss Sycamore Row by John Grisham.** We will also meet at my home at **10am on Thursday 11th August to discuss Alias Grace by Margaret Atwood.** **Carolyn Tansey (tel 856831)**

Meetings of our Interest Groups in JULY 2016

Please note that the following are details of the meetings of our Interest Groups in July. Unless otherwise stated, the groups will not meet in August but they will resume in September

Group	Time & Venue	Date	Information	Contact
Ancient History	2.15pm at the RAFA Club	Thursday 14 th	We will continue to look at the Assyrian Empire and consider future sessions on the Persians and Alexander the Great.	David Trace tel. 782335
Archaeology		Tuesday 19 th	Our Annual Trip, open to all members. Please see the note on Page One of this newsletter.	Ian Hutchinson tel. 654418
Art History	2.15pm at the Holiday Hotel	Monday 4 th	We will study some of the works exhibited at the Pompidou Centre	Graham Cross tel. 785876
Book Club 1			We are not meeting in July and August but we will resume in September	Barbara Miles tel. 783291

Group	Time & Venue	Date	Information	Contact
Book Club 2	10am at 132 New Road	Wed. 13 th July	Discussing <u>State of Wonder</u> by Anne Pachett	Annie Rance tel. 711848
		& Wed 17th Aug.	Discussing <u>The Man who Mistook his Wife for a Hat</u> by Oliver Sacks	
Book Club 3	10am at 2 Bardsey Close, Nottage	Thursday 14 th July	Discussing <u>Sycamore Row</u> by John Grisham	Carolyn Tansey tel.856831
		& Thurs. 11th Aug.	Discussing <u>Alias Grace</u> by Margaret Atwood	
Bridge Course for Beginners	2pm at Awel y Mor	Tuesday 5 th , 12 th , 19 th & 26 th	This U3A course is run by Tony and Pat Howarth for those who would like to learn the basics of this game.(Subject to the availability of Tony and Pat on these dates in July)	Caroline David tel. 771657
Bridge Group	2pm at Awel y Mor (Side Room)	Tuesday 5 th & 19 th	We can join with the Beginners Course for revision.	Caroline David tel. 771657
Canasta	2pm at the Rugby Club	Monday 4 th & 18 th	New members welcome but please phone me first.	Judith Davey tel. 783632
Computers, tablets and other gadgets			We will not meet in July and August but we will resume in September. <u>Geoff Henderson tel.786790; Martin Patten tel.786745 & Laurence Parry 788089</u>	GH; MP, & LP
Conversations (Discussion Group)	2.15pm at the Holiday Hotel	Thursday 7 th	Discussing: <u>Which two people, alive today, would you most like to meet? What would you ask them and what would you tell them?</u>	Doug Jones tel. 657571
Crafts	2pm at the Y Centre	Thursday 7 th July	A warm welcome awaits members interested in any type of craft	Pam Munro tel. 783751
Drama – Origin & Development			Having concluded our study of the two chosen plays by Brecht, the group will not meet in July. When we reconvene in September, we shall continue our European theme by exploring two plays - <i>The Insect Play</i> and <i>R.U.R</i> - by the Czech writer Karel Capek. If you enjoy reading plays, discussing the ideas which inform them and uncovering the dramatic devices which the playwright used to create the world of the play, you will be made very welcome by this friendly and lively group.	Elizabeth C Bower tel. 786234
Food in Britain		Tuesday 5 th July	Our Visit to Welsh Lavender Ltd	Margaret Williams tel. 665128
French for All	10.15am at the Rugby Club	Tuesday 5 th	Why not come and practise your French conversation? Please bring some French finger food on this occasion for break time. Jenny Cross (tel. 785876) Jenny Worthington (785446)	Jenny Cross Jenny Worthington
Gardening	10.15am at the Rugby Club	Tuesday 26 th	Jeanette Victor will open the session with a subject of her choice	Handel Davies tel. 788364
German	10.30am at Stella Maris	Thursday 7 th	Looking at all things German and Germanic including conversational language and grammar	John Murdoch 07583570891
History	10am at the Y Centre	Wed 6 th	Some mopping up of recent topics (Richard III, perhaps and relations with Europe) before the usual rigorous end of term tests!	Andrew Collier tel. 784939
Latin	RAFA Club at 10.15am	Monday 4 th , 11 th & 18 th	Grammar Revision & translation from & into Latin, and enjoyment!	Doug Jones tel. 657571
Listeners' Guide to Music	2pm at the Rugby Club	Wed 13th	The programme will include Mendelssohn's Symphony No 4 (the Italian) and Haydn's Trumpet Concerto. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE	Brian Nelson tel. 742159

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Mah Jong	2pm at the Rugby Club	Thursday 14 th	At this session, in addition to playing this addictive game of skill and chance, members will decide on the arrangements for their night out at a local, rather good Chinese restaurant.	Elizabeth C. Bower 786234
Musical Theatre Course	2pm at the Y Centre	Mon. 4 th	<u>Les Mis</u> and other French delights	Harry Lowman tel. 663353
Painting Workshop	10am at the Y Centre	7 th , 14 th , 21 st & 28 th	If you are not already a member of this group and want to join it, please phone me.	Stephen Jarvis tel. 649165
Philosophy and Ideas	10am at the Y Centre	Friday 8 th	Our last proper session is likely to tidy up things political and conscious or conscientious but there will be an end of term celebration (also marking our tenth year) at the Prince of Wales, Kenfig on 22nd July	Andrew Collier tel. 784939
Photography for Everyone	10.30am at the Holiday Hotel	Monday 11 th	Learning and developing skills in digital, still and video photography	David Morgan tel. 740605
Play Reading			We will not meet in July and August but we will resume in September	Liz Sumner Tel. 772314
Poetry	10.15am at the Rugby Club	Monday 4 th	We shall suspend our study of <u>Beowulf</u> until September. Instead group members – and visitors - are invited to bring with them poems which they would like to share.	Elizabeth C. Bower 786234
Quiz	2pm at the Y Centre	Mon 11 th	Come along, enjoy yourselves and test your general knowledge in lovely company	Roger Thomas tel. 786292
Russian Language & Culture			We will not meet in July and August	Sue Rowlands tel. 785969.
Science			We will not meet in July and August but we will resume in September	Gwyn Davis tel. 654766; Brian Nelson. tel. 742159
Scrabble	10am at the Holiday Hotel	Mon. 4 th & 18 th	A game, a chat and a cup of coffee. Members of all abilities welcome.	Pat Parry tel. 784211
Shakespeare & other "Greats"	2.15pm at Stella Maris	Tuesday 5 th & 19 th	We will be studying <u>King Lear</u>	Barbara Miles tel. 783291
Singing for Fun	2pm at the Holiday Hotel	Friday 8 th & 22 nd	Polish your voices and come and enjoy some singing. The group is full at the moment, but please contact me now if you would like to join it if a vacancy occurs in the future.	Veronica Rees tel. 784718.
Spanish for Beginners	10am at the RUGBY CLUB	Tuesday 12 th	Gaining confidence to speak Spanish in everyday situations. (tel. 772675)	Declan Gilmartin .
Table Tennis	At the Y Centre 10am 1.45pm	Friday 1 st 15 th	Come and join in our relaxed and friendly games. If you have a bat please bring it along. Please wear suitable shoes. PLEASE NOTE THE TIMES	Pam Munro tel. 783751
Walking			We will not walk in July but we will resume in September.	John Pearman tel. 782133
Welsh	10am at the Rugby Club	Thurs 14 th	We will make you welcome in this group whether you are a beginner, an improver or fluent speaker. John Pearman (782133) David Parry (784211)	John Pearman David Parry
Writing for Pleasure Groups 1, 2 & 3	10am at the Rugby Club	Friday 1 st & 15 th	We write simply for the pleasure of writing and to receive friendly advice. Places are now available in Group Three. Marcia Humphries (772895) & Jo Brooks (859535) & Annie Rance (711848)	Marcia Humphries. Jo Brooks & Annie Rance

Music in Porthcawl

Friday 15th July 7pm: Cor Bro Ogwr presents 'Stabat Mater' by Karl Jenkins and a miscellany of Welsh music in All Saints church. Tickets £10

Saturday 16th July at Tabernacle Church Porthcawl: Informal lunchtime Noson Lawen at 1pm to raise funds for next year's Urdd eisteddfod which will be in Porthcawl . Tickets £5 to include refreshments .

David & Pat Parry (784211)