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From the Chairman

We have had another packed programme through October. The Mayor's charity day in Trinity was very well attended and hopefully we raised considerable funds for the various charities. We had a site visit to the Cenin Renewables plant at Parc Stormy on Stormy Down. This was also well attended and was a fascinating look at a pioneering environmental and commercial centre. Finally we have had some sad news. One of our premier venues, the Glamorgan Holiday Hotel is closing. The last guests will leave at the end of October and the building itself will close completely at the end of November. This will be a big loss to the U3A but we wish all the members of the very helpful staff our greatest thanks and wish them all the best in their future endeavours

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

Wednesday 2nd November 10am at the Y Centre: Talk by Andrew Collier *The History behind our Literature*

When Andrew gave this talk in our monthly talks programme in October he used an incomplete and unrevised version by mistake. He will be giving the correct version to the meeting of the History Group at the Y Centre at 10am on Wednesday 2nd November. All members are welcome to go along to hear this excellent talk.

Chris James (tel.864742)

Wednesday 9th November 2.15pm at the Hi Tide: Presentation by Harry Lowman *The Northern Lakes of Cumbria*

This presentation will include a video – based visit to a lesser-known but beautiful part of Cumbria. We can be certain that it will be of very high quality and that we will enjoy an inspiring and a relaxing afternoon. Do come along if you can.

Chris James (tel.864742)

Wednesday 23rd November: Visit to Chavenage House, near Tetbury in Gloucestershire

The coach for this visit will leave the Atlantic Hotel at 9.30am and Sainsbury's Bridgend at 9.45am (approx). Chavenage is an Elizabethan manor house built mainly in 1576 on the site of an older building. It was enlarged in the 17th century and further altered in the eighteenth century. Notable features of the house are the great hall, the minstrels' gallery, the Renaissance style fireplace in the panelled dining room, the two tapestry rooms, the stained glass windows and the Oak Room which has elaborate 1590 panelling. Close to the house is the family chapel which has a tower, built as a folly in the 17th century. We'll visit Chavenage in the afternoon, having had lunch together on the way. The cost of the visit to include coach fare, entry and guided tour is **£21**. **If you would like to come along please send me – Dorothy Jones, 84 Heol West Plas, Coity, Bridgend CF35 6BA – a cheque for this amount payable to Porthcawl U3A as soon as possible.**

Dorothy Jones (tel.657571)

Thursday 24th November 2.15pm at the Rugby Club: Consultation with Senior Officers of Bridgend County Borough Council

Our Conversations Group has accepted an invitation to host a Consultation with senior officers of the Bridgend County Borough Council about the Council's planned budget and services for 2017 / 18. This is an ideal opportunity to make our views known to the Council, and all members are welcome to attend.

Doug Jones (tel.657571)

Sunday 27th November 1pm at the Grove Golf Club: Sunday Lunch Group

Sunday Lunch will be at The Grove Golf Club at 1pm on 27th Nov. where the main course, desert and tea or coffee will cost £14.95. This will be the last meal together this year as we will not meet in December. **Leave me your name and phone number together with your choice of Turkey, Lamb, Beef or Salmon Escalope in a Wine and Hollandaise Sauce as soon as possible please.**

Caroline David 01656 771657

Friday 2nd December 10 for 10.30am at the Prince of Wales Kenfig
Our Writing Groups 1, 2, and 3 present their popular morning of Stories Poems, & Sketches

This entertaining morning will be followed by a hot buffet lunch and the cost for the whole event is just £8.00. Places are limited by space and if you would like to join us please contact me by email if possible, or phone as below. Places will be allocated in order of bookings and cheques made payable to Porthcawl U3A must be received by November 25th, **but please do not send any cheques until you have confirmation of availability.** Thank you.

Jo Brooks 12 Mayfield Avenue Laleston CF32 0LH Tel: 01656 859535 or email: jo.brooks1949@gmail.com

Wednesday 7th December 10am at the Rugby Club:
A Christmas Special by our Play Reading Group

On Wednesday 7th December our Play Reading group will present their "Christmas Special" at 10am in the Rugby Club. All members are invited to attend this performance which is certain be most entertaining. There will be mince pies and sherry afterwards.

Len Smith (tel. 771574) & Rolfe Mitchell (tel.740120)

Thursday 8th December: Visit to Millennium Centre for a performance of Kiss Me Kate

The coach for this visit will leave the Atlantic Hotel, Porthcawl at 11.00 am and Sainsbury's Bridgend at 11.15am approx. All tickets have now been taken up, but if you would be interested in a late cancellation please contact me as soon as possible. **Judith Hillman 1 Seawinds, Rest Bay Close Porthcawl CF36 3UN**

Tel: 07981869066 or email: jude.hillman@yahoo.com

Thursday 15th December 12 for 12.30pm: Our U3A Christmas Lunch at the Hi-Tide

Our U3A Christmas Lunch is on Thursday 15th December, Cost is £12.50. The menu is included with this newsletter. Following the lunch there will be entertainment by our unique Singing for Pleasure Group. It will be a very happy occasion, so do try to come along if you can. To book your place, return the menu sheet to me - Pam Munro, 12 Penylan Avenue, Porthcawl CF36 3LL – as soon as possible with your choices and a cheque for £12.50 made payable to PorthcawlU3A.

16th and 17th March 2017: Classical Spectacular Concert at the Royal Albert Hall

I am now able to give precise dates: **participants will travel by coach to London on Thursday the 16th of March, 2017 for the evening concert at the Royal Albert Hall and will return on the 17th.** On both days there will be free time to visit the V and A, or the Natural History Museum or the Science Museum or Harrods. The final cost of the trip remains at an estimated £200 plus, for the exact cost depends on the final number of participants.

Tickets are now available and I shall make the booking on the 7th November so if anyone is still thinking about joining in please do so by the 7th November. I need responses in writing and containing the following information: name, address, telephone number and type of overnight accommodation required. I shall write to each participant with final details and costs before the end of November.

Elizabeth C Bower, 786234, 38, Heol Croes Faen, Nottage, Porthcawl, CF36 3SW.

Visit to the Netherlands 23rd to 28th April 2017

Would you be interested in a Spring Vacation? Would you like to visit the Netherlands? Do you like flowers and boat trips?

Our plan involves a luxury coach trip, courtesy of Edwards Coaches and P & O Ferries to our hotel, The Lakeland Hotel at Monnickendam, 10 miles from Amsterdam, where we will stay for 5 nights on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis. We have included a trip on a canal through Amsterdam and a visit to a clog and cheese farm as well as a visit to the famous Keukenhof Gardens. The visit departs from Porthcawl on Sunday 23rd and returns on Friday 28th April. Final details and timings to be confirmed nearer departure. We need to know if you would like to be part of this adventure as soon as possible. Costs will be £549 pp for a twin/double room - £592 for a single.

To join us please ring **Carolyn Tansey on 01656 856831 or 07970508233** to check room availability. **We will need a cheque for the £35 deposit made out to 'Edwards Coach Holidays' and sent to Carolyn at 2 Bardsey Close, Nottage, Porthcawl CF36 3TN before December 7th. These deposits will be non refundable once the holiday is confirmed. Please put your name and address, phone contact and e-mail on the reverse of the cheque.**

Visit from North Devon U3A

We were delighted to welcome 17 members of North Devon U3A's Walking Group who were staying at the Fairways Hotel from 2nd to 6th October. Paddy Tilbury, their organiser, and their leaders, Linda lee and Liz Layzell, had arranged three walks along our coastal and heritage paths, and they were delighted with their time in Porthcawl. My thanks go to Trixie Tudor and Ann Trimble for their initial liaison with our friends from Devon, which Paddy tells me made them feel so much at home in Porthcawl.

John Pearman (tel. 782133)

Christmas Tree Display in All Saint's Church

Some members of the Painting Workshop will decorate our U3A Christmas Tree this year and would like to have some small handmade decorations to depict the various groups. **I am at the Y Centre each Thursday 10am-12md to receive any contributions that groups can make. Let us help to make our Tree stand out from the crowd!**

Steve Jarvis (tel.649165)

U3A Diaries 2017

Do not miss out. Reserve your red diary costing £2 by leaving your name and phone number with me NOW. I will contact you later with the arrangements for collection and payment. **Caroline David 01656 771657.**

Opportunity

Liberty Bell Productions, a television production company which makes programmes for major broadcasters in this country, is inviting members of U3As to take part in a documentary which features older people who have successfully taken on interesting and challenging activities or projects in their retirement. The aim is to recognise their achievements and to inspire other older people to take on challenges themselves. Please contact me if you have achieved something notable and or if you know of someone who has done so. With your permission I will then pass your name on to the production company. **PLEASE DO NOT BE MODEST.** **Doug Jones (tel. 657571)**

Music in Porthcawl

HMS Pinafore. The Mid Glamorgan Savoyards are presenting this popular Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl on **Saturday, 19th November at 7.30pm.** The profits from the Savoyards productions are always distributed to charities. This year one of the chosen charities is Kidney Wales Foundation. I am the President of the Porthcawl Branch. If you would like tickets for HMS Pinafore please get your tickets from me. The tickets are £10.00. My contact number is 784211. **David Parry tel.784211**

New Interest Group: Astronomy

We are starting up a new interest group on astronomy. If you have any interest in the subject or are a complete beginner then please come along and you will be very welcome. **We will meet at the Y-centre on Thursday 17th November at 2:00 pm.** **Chris James 864742**

Important Announcement about the Musical Theatre Course

Members are asked to note that there will be a meeting of the **Musical Theatre Course on Monday 31st October at 2pm at the Y Centre.** The subject will be Vienna and Berlin. Information about the meetings of the course in November is given below

Meetings of our Interest Groups in November 2016

Group	Time & Venue	Date	Information	Contact
Ancient History	2.15pm at the RAFA Club	Thursday 3 rd & 17 th	Following our study of Neolithic China we will look at cultural and technological advances during the Shang dynasty using evidence from the archaeological sites at Erlitou and Anyang.	David Trace tel. 782335
Archaeology	10.15am at the Rugby Club	Tuesday 15 th	We will continue our study Post Roman Britain and the Anglo Saxons	Ian Hutchinson tel. 654418
Art History	2.15pm at the Rugby Club	Monday 14 th & 28 th	On 14th: Odilon Redon 1849 – 1916: French painter, graphic artist who was one of the outstanding figures of Symbolism. Also Robert Rauschenberg 1925 – 2008: an American painter, printmaker and experimental artist. Camille Pissarro 1830 -1903: French painter and graphic artist and a central figure of the Impressionists Georges Seurat 1859 – 1891: French painter, founder and greatest exponent of Neo Impressionism	Graham Cross Ctel. 785876
_Astronomy	2pm at the Y Centre	Thursday 17 th	Reach for the stars!	Chris James tel. 864742
Book Club 1	10am at Stella Maris	Friday 25 th	Discussing <i>Olive Kitteridge</i> by Elizabeth Strout	Barbara Miles tel. 783291
Book Club 2	10am at 132 New Road	Wed. 16 th	Discussing <i>Depths</i> by Henning Mankell	Annie Rance tel. 711848

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Book Club 3	10am at 2 Bardsey Close, Nottage	Thursday 10 th	Discussing: <i>When will there be Good News?</i> by Kate Atkinson This new group is not quite full. If you are interested in joining please contact me.	Carolyn Tansey tel.856831
Bridge Course for Beginners	2pm at Awel y Mor (Side Room)	Tuesday 1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , & 29 th	Bridge continues weekly with tuition, practice and advice from Tony and Pat Howarth .	Caroline David tel. 771657
Canasta	2pm at the Rugby Club	Monday 7 th & 21 st	New members welcome but please phone me first.	Judith Davey tel. 783632
Computers, tablets and other gadgets	10am to 12 noon at the DADDY'S (previously The Coast), Dock St	Monday 7 th & 21 st	A drop-in and help-desk for all your gadgets. Feel like kicking it? We'll show you how to love it.Want to do more? We can help with that too. Please note change of venue <u>Geoff Henderson tel.786790; Martin Patten tel.786745 & Laurence Parry 788089</u>	GH; MP, & LP
Conversations (Discussion Group)	2.15pm at the Rugby Club	Thursday 10 th & 24 th	Discussing: <i>How will human beings justify their existence when robots and other devices take over their work and chores?</i> As a Group we will host a Consultation with senior officers of the Bridgend County Borough Council about the Council's planned budget and services for 2017 / 18. All members are welcome to attend	Doug Jones tel. 657571
Crafts	2pm at the Y Centre	Thursday 10 th & 24 th	A warm welcome awaits members interested in any type of craft	Pam Munro tel. 783751
Drama – Origin & Development	2pm at the Rugby Club	Monday 14 th & 28 th	We shall begin our study of <i>Murder in the Cathedral</i> and <i>Family Reunion</i> by T.S Eliot	Elizabeth C Bower tel. 786234
Film Club	2pm at the <u>Holiday Hotel</u>	Thursday 3 rd	We will see “The Shawshank Redemption” (1994); Starring Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. A prison drama based on a novella by Stephen King.	Chris James Tel. 864742
Food in Britain	2.15pm at the Rugby Club	Tuesday 1 st 15 th & 29 th	A session on Fish, led by Jan Fletcher 'Salad Days' – led by Len and Prim Smith Fruit in Britain – led by David Parry Please note that our Group lunch will be held on 13th December, but I still need to confirm this date.	Margaret Williams tel. 665128
French for All	10.15am at the Rugby Club	Tuesday 1 st , 15 th 29 th	Why not come and practise your French conversation? Jenny Cross (tel. 785876) Jenny Worthington (785446)	Jenny Cross Jenny Worthington
Gardening	10.15am at the Rugby Club	Tuesday 29 th	This is our Christmas Party. Please bring your own treats!	Handel Davies tel. 788364
German	10.30am at Stella Maris	Thursday 3 rd & 17 th 10 th & 24 th	Foundation Group Advanced Group	John Murdoch 07583570891
History	10am at the Y Centre	Wed 2 nd & 16 th 30 th	I propose to offer the talk I intended as the monthly session at the Hi-tide: <i>The History behind our Literature</i> . This time it will be the completed version as planned and prepared (rather than an earlier incomplete version). Jean will give an update on her researches into Richard III. I will follow this with some thoughts about Henry VII, Welshman, first Tudor and moderniser.	Andrew Collier tel. 784939

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Latin	10.15am at the RAFA Club	Monday 7 th , 14 th , 21 st & 28 th	Grammar Revision & translation from & into Latin, friendly argument and enjoyment!	Doug Jones tel. 657571
Listeners' Guide to Music	2pm at the Rugby Club	Wed 2 nd & 16 th	The programme is Beethoven's Symphony No 1 and Bruch's Violin Concerto No1 The programme is Mozart's Symphony No35 and Lalo's Symphonie Espagnole.	Brian Nelson tel. 742159
Mah Jong	2pm at the Rugby Club	Thursday 3 rd & 17 th	Play will recommence on these dates. Beginners are very welcome.	Elizabeth C. Bower 786234
Musical Theatre Course	2pm at the Y Centre	Monday 14 th & 28 th	On 14 th : Real Women On 28 th : New York	Harry Lowman tel. 663353
Painting Workshop	10am at the Y Centre 12 noon at Seasons Restaurant at Bridgend College	Thurs, 3 rd , 10 th & 24 th 17 th	If you are not already a member of this group and want to join it, please phone me. Our Annual Group Lunch. If you have not booked, please phone me before 10 th November to secure your place. The cost is £6.50 for 2 courses	Stephen Jarvis tel. 649165
Philosophy and Ideas	10am at the Y Centre	Friday 4 th & 18 th	Charles will try to avoid further slips as he continues to trash the reputation of Sigmund Freud, disturbing our dreams and stirring too many repressed egos. Gary will resume his assault on our monads in the best possible taste, rounding off his examination of Leibniz.	Andrew Collier tel. 784939
Photography for Everyone	10.30am at the North Cornelly Community Centre	Monday 14 th & 28 th	Learning and developing skills in digital, still and video photography	David Morgan tel. 740605
Play Reading	10am at the Rugby Club	Wed 2 nd , 16 th , & 23 rd	We shall be preparing for our Christmas Special which will be presented to members on 7 th December. Len Smith (tel, 771574) & Rolfe Mitchell (tel.740120)	Len & Rolfe
Poetry	10.15am at the Rugby Club	Monday 7 th & 21 st	The group will resume its exploration of Old English Poetry	Elizabeth C. Bower 786234
Quiz	2pm at the Y Centre	Monday 14 th	Come along, enjoy yourselves and test your general knowledge in lovely company	Roger Thomas tel. 786292
Science	2pm at STELLA MARIS CHURCH HALL	Friday 18 th	Brian will talk on Supernova. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DAY AND VENUE. Gwyn Davis tel. 654766; Brian Nelson. tel. 742159	Gwyn Davis; Brian Nelson.
Scrabble	10am at AWEL Y MOR	Mon. 7 th & 21 st	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 8 th & 22 nd	We will continue with our study of <i>King Lear</i>	Barbara Miles tel. 783291
Singing for Fun	2pm at the RUGBY CLUB	Friday 11 th & 25 th	We will continue our preparations for our performance at the Christmas Lunch	Veronica Rees tel. 784718.
Spanish for Beginners	10am at the RUGBY CLUB	Tuesday 8 th & 22 nd	Gaining confidence to speak Spanish in everyday situations.	Declan Gilmartin tel. 772675
Table Tennis	10.00am at the Y Centre on 4 th 1.45pm on	Friday 4 th & 25 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

Group	Time & Venue	Date	Information	Contact
Walking	1.30pm at Rest Bay Car Park (£1 charge)	Friday 11th Nov	This will be a three mile circular walk around Porthcawl, led by Anne and John Cobby (tel 784986 or 07712 579796). It starts at 1.30pm so as to be back before dark.	John Pearman tel. 782133
	9.30am at Kenfig Nature Reserve Car Park	Friday 2nd Dec.	This walk is our annual early morning venture across the dunes to Sker Beach ahead of our Writing Groups' Morning at the Prince If the weather is doubtful please phone to check that the walks will take place. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear. We walk at our own risk.	
Welsh	10am at the Rugby Club	Thurs 10 th & 24 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 4 th & 18 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



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Tuesday	1 st Nov	10.15am in the Rugby Club 2.00pm at Awel Y Mor 2.15pm in the Rugby Club	French Bridge Food in Britain
Wednesday	2 nd Nov	10.00am in the Rugby Club 10.00am in the Y Centre 2.00pm at the Rugby Club	Play Reading History (Talk by Andrew Collier) Listener's Guide to Music
Thursday	3 rd Nov	10.00am in the Y Centre 10.30am in Stella Maris 2.00pm in the <u>Glamorgan Holiday Hotel</u> 2.00pm in the Rugby Club 2.15pm in the RAFA Club	Painting Workshop German Film Club Mah Jong Ancient History
Friday	4 th Nov	10.00am in the Y Centre 10.00am in the Y Centre 10.00am in the Rugby Club	Philosophy and Ideas Table Tennis Writing for Pleasure 1,2 & 3
Monday	7 th Nov	10.00am at DADDY'S, Dock Street 10.00am at Awel Y Mor 10.15am in the Rugby Club 10.15am in the RAFA Club 2.00pm in the Rugby Club	Computers Scrabble Poetry Latin Canasta
Tuesday	8 th Nov	10.00m in the Rugby Club 2.00pm in Awel y Mor 2.15pm in Stella Maris	Spanish Bridge: Playing and Learning Shakespeare & other greats
Wednesday	9 th Nov	2.15pm in the Hi Tide	Presentation by Harry Lowman
Thursday	10 th Nov	10.00am in the Y Centre 10.00am in the Rugby Club 10.00am in 2 Bardsey Close 10.30am in Stella Maris 2.00pm in the Y Centre 2.15pm in the Rugby Club	Painting Workshop Welsh Book Club 3 German Crafts Conversations (discussion group)
Friday	11 th Nov	1.30pm at Rest Bay Car Park 2.00pm in the Rugby Club	Walking Group Singing for Fun
Monday	14 th Nov	10.30am at N.Cornelly Community Centre 10.15am in the RAFA Club 2.00pm at the Rugby Club 2.00pm in the Y Centre 2.00pm in the Y Centre 2.15pm at the Rugby Club	Photography for Everyone Latin Drama – origin & development Musical Theatre Course Quiz Art History
Tuesday	15 th Nov	10.15am in the Rugby Club 10.15am at the Rugby Club 2.00pm in Awel y Mor 2.15pm in the Rugby Club	French Archaeology Bridge: Playing and Learning Food in Britain
Wednesday	16 th Nov	10.00am in the Rugby Club 10.00am at 132 New Road 10.00am in the Y Centre 2.00pm at the Rugby Club	Play Reading Book Club 2 History Listener's Guide to Music

Thursday	17th Nov	Noon at Seasons Restaurant 10.30am in Stella Maris 2.00pm in the Rugby Club 2.00pm at the Y Centre 2.15pm in the RAFA Club	Painting Workshop German Mah Jong Astronomy Ancient History
Friday	18th Nov	10.00am in the Y Centre 10.00am in the Rugby Club 2.00pm at Stella Maris	Philosophy and Ideas Writing for Pleasure 1,2 & 3 Science
Monday	21st Nov	10.00am at DADDY'S , Dock Street 10.00am at Awel Y Mor 10.15am in the RAFA Club 10.15am in the Rugby Club 2.00pm in the Rugby Club	Computers Scrabble Latin Poetry Canasta
Tuesday	22nd Nov	10.00m in the Rugby Club 2.00pm in Awel y Mor 2.15pm in Stella Maris	Spanish Bridge: Playing and Learning Shakespeare & other greats
Wednesday	23rd Nov	9.30am from Atlantic & 9.45 Sainsburys: 10.00am at the Rugby Club	Visit to Chavenage House, Tetbury Play Reading
Thursday	24th Nov	10.00am in the Y Centre 10.00am in the Rugby Club 10.30am in Stella Maris 2.00pm in the Y Centre 2.15pm in the Rugby Club	Painting Workshop Welsh German Crafts Conversations (Consultation with BCBC)
Friday	25th Nov	10.00am in the Stella Maris 1.45pm at the Y Centre 2.00pm in the Rugby Club	Book Club 1 Table Tennis Singing for Fun
Sunday	27th Nov	1.00pm at the Grove Golf Club	Sunday lunch group
Monday	28th Nov	10.15am in the RAFA Club 10.30am at N.Cornelly Community Centre 2.00pm at the Rugby Club 2.00pm at the Y Centre 2.15pm at the Rugby Club	Latin Photography for Everyone Drama – origin & development Music Theatre Course Art History
Tuesday	29th Nov	10.15am at the Rugby Club 10.15am at the Rugby Club 2.00pm in Awel y Mor 2.15pm at the Rugby Club	French Gardening Group Bridge: Playing and Learning Food in Britain
Wednesday	30th Nov	10.00am at the Y Centre	History