

Dear Members,

It is with great sadness that I have to inform those not already aware, of the sad and sudden passing of John Pearman. It was a privilege to have known John, primarily through his involvement with our u3a, with the support and encouragement he showed me and numerous other members. A committed and passionate contributor in all that he was involved and particularly noted as leader of our Welsh learning group. His beloved Porthcawl RFC will in particular lament his loss, with 60 years of service in a variety of roles. In addition, John was a very talented contributor to the Porthcawl Choir for many years, not only as a chorister but also as an active participant in its administration. A unique character with a wide range of talents, sadly missed, but always fondly remembered.

Richard Hopkins, Chair



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, July 10th - Kenfig Bus Walk

The number 63B bus runs from Porthcawl to Bridgend via North Cornelly and Kenfig Nature Reserve. This bus service was recently reinstated due to popular demand, having been discontinued for a number of years.

The Walking Group will be catching the bus to Kenfig Nature Reserve, and walking back to Porthcawl through the Reserve and along the coast path. The bus leaves the new bus station at 1.24 pm, then stops at Lias Road Co-op, Fulmar Road and West Park Drive.

Why not join us for this 4 mile walk with a difference? And don't forget your Bus Pass! **Greg Nuttgens**



Wednesday, July 15th, 2.15pm - Monthly Talk - The Voyager Project

Once every 175 years the four outer planets, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune, are aligned in such a way that a spacecraft could pass and examine all four. In 1977 NASA launched two satellites to do just that – and they sent back masses of data and some fabulous photographs. They're still flying 25bn miles later, now headed out of our galaxy. This talk is the fascinating story of how this project came to fruition - and what was, and still is, being learned.

Previous talks can be found on our Porthcawl u3a YouTube channel 

Geoff Henderson

Wednesday, July 22nd - St David's (Pembrokeshire) - £26

Leaving the Atlantic Hotel at 9:30am and returning at 3:30pm. **Payment due by July 8th.** Please use the reference "**Pemb**" before your membership number e.g. Pemb 9789



Coffee Mornings

Saturday, July 25th and August 22nd - Atlantic Hotel - 11am

Wednesday, July 29th - Waterfront - 10am

Wednesday, September 23rd - Ludlow Medieval market town, Shropshire) - £27

Leaving the Atlantic Hotel at 9:30am. Returning 3:30pm. **Payment due by September 9th.** Please use the reference "**Ludl**" before your membership number e.g. Ludl 9789

To book a trip email visits@porthcawlu3a.org.uk, ring Ben or speak to a Committee Member at our monthly Saturday coffee morning to reserve your seat.

MEMBERS' MOMENTS

As no doubt most of you are aware, **Marcia Humphries** has decided to “call it a day” as Secretary of Porthcawl u3a, following her tenure in office.

I can honestly say that she has been an incredible asset in the position, showing her undoubted ability, coupled with amazing commitment and tenacity in a very demanding role. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for the support and encouragement she has given to all who have had the pleasure of working alongside her.

Looking forward, I would like to inform you all that Mr Selwyn Jones has agreed to take over the position in an “acting” capacity. It is essential that the Secretary position is fulfilled. If he feels that he would be able to continue on a permanent basis, we would need to call an Extraordinary AGM, in order for the membership to endorse him. Good luck, Selwyn, in your endeavours.

Many thanks.

Richard Hopkins, Chair chair@porthcawlu3a.org.uk



Congratulations to the 100 Club's May winners:

**1st Rob Chick £50, 2nd Mike Pearce £25
and 3rd Lorina Ashman £10**

Winners, please email your bank details - Bank, Account name and Sort Code - to treasurer@porthcawlu3a.org.uk

To join, or keep your ball, please pay £20 by BACS to Porthcawl u3a reference “100 Club” followed by your membership number. If paying by cheque, please forward to Louise Roberts, 8 Danygraig Avenue, Porthcawl, CF36 5AA or hand it to a Committee member at the Coffee Morning July 25th at the Atlantic Hotel. Balls are allocated on a first come first served basis, so anyone wishing to join please contact email roberts-louise@hotmail.com

Summer Break

As you may already know, many Groups will not be meeting in August but will resume in September.

If in any doubt, please contact the Group Leaders.

The **Walking Group** will be meeting up in August if you would like to join them ...


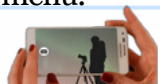
Friday 14th August, 1.30pm from the Gnoll Estate Country Park car park in Neath (SA11 3BS). A 3.5 mile walk through Gnoll Country Park. Leave the M4 at J43 and take the A465 towards Neath. From there follow the signs to the car park (£3.75 charge).



Friday 28th August, 1.30pm from St Brides across Ogmores Common. As you enter St Brides, turn right opposite the Fox (CF32 0SA) and follow the road up the common, where we will park. A 3.5 mile walk.



Tickets are available from Judi Geraghty

Calendar for the Month

Astronomy	2 16	Th	2pm	YC	The even later heavy bombardment	
					Whatever next?	
Beach Clean	7 21	T	10am	Rest Bay	New volunteers welcome	
Book Clubs	1 2 3				<i>Trespasses</i> by Louise Kennedy	
					<i>A Different Type of Power</i> by Jacinda Ardern 12th August - <i>The Plot</i> by Kate Braithwait	
					<i>Things We Nearly Knew</i> by Jim Powell	
Canasta	13 27	M	2pm	YC TBC	Anyone who would like to play, or learn to play, is very welcome.	
Ceramics		W	2pm	YC	This is a very popular course, running to capacity. Add your name to the waiting list and you will be welcomed as a valuable member of the group just as soon as there is a vacancy.	
Conversations	9 23	Th	2pm	AFC	What should we expect of our police and our justice systems and to what extent are these expectations being met?	
					Are the words 'Great Britain' any longer appropriate? If so, why? If not, why not?	
Crafts					This group is currently inactive.	
Exploring Poetry	6 20	M	2pm	AFC TBC	<i>Chaucer The Wife of Bath's Tale</i>	
					A celebration before our summer break	
French for All	7 21	T	10.15	AFC	<i>Our favourite job or profession</i>	
					<i>Summer Plans</i>	
Gardening	28	T	2pm	AFC	New members welcome	
Guitar	13 27	M	10am	NSR	This is a very popular course, running to capacity. Add your name to the waiting list and you will be welcomed as a valuable member of the group just as soon as there is a vacancy.	
History	13 27	M	10.15	YC	Continuing with Baltic states & Scandinavia history, Lisa's (Native American) Trail of Tears and Peter's Local Government. End of term tests unusually rapid results and celebrations.	
International Zoom Link	6 20	M	2.30 10.30		Join us via Zoom link where members of our u3a and members of the u3a at Nantes in France chat in English about current issues affecting our countries and ourselves. You will be very welcome.	
Italian For All	2 16	Th	2pm	TC	Members with at least beginner level of Italian are welcome.	
Kaffeeklatsch	14	T	11am	YC	Friendly German conversation over a cup of coffee. Basic knowledge of German essential. New members welcome.	
Latin	13 27	M	2pm	YC	Come and help us translate interesting Latin stories.	
Mah Jong	9 23	Th	2pm	YC	New members welcome	
Mindfulness	7 21	T	1.30	YC	Everyday mindfulness: "Present awareness in ordinary moments, with curiosity and without judgement" please join us if this interests you.	
Monthly Talk	15	W	2.15	H-T	Geoff Henderson - <i>The Voyager Project</i>	
Origins and Development of Drama	13 27	M	2pm	AFC	<i>The First Reading from Richard II</i>	
Painting Workshop		Th	10am	YC	This is a very popular course, running to capacity. Add your name to the waiting list and you will be welcomed as a valuable member of the group just as soon as there is a vacancy.	
Philosophy & Ideas	3 17	F	10am 10.15	YC POW	Madeleine Moon on 'New Threats, new politics'	
					Our end of term session at Prince of Wales, Kenfig for coffee, discussions and lunch from the menu.	
Photography for Everyone	14 28	T	2pm	YC	New members welcome	

Play Reading	30	Th	2pm	YC	New members welcome
Psychology	16	Th	10am	AFC	Psychology of Eating
Quiz	13	M	2pm	YC	New quizzers welcome Come and test your general knowledge
Rummikub	3 17	F	2pm	SH	New players welcome
Scrabble	6 20	M	10am	H-T	New players welcome
Search for Knowledge	20	M	2pm	AFC	<i>What's News</i> and how ancient and modern humans survived the Ice Ages. Who or What Will Control the Future - Humanity or AI?
Social Cycling	15	W	10.30		We will cycle and meet at Swansea Park & Ride to Gowerton 
Social Dancing	14 28	T	2pm	TC	A mix of ballroom, Latin, sequence, the odd line dance and Rock & Roll.
Sustainability					No meeting in July or August
Table Tennis		F	10am	YC	Weekly meets New members welcome
Technology Help Desk	13 27	M	10.30	COSTA	Do you need help with your electronic devices? Ring for an appointment
Ukelele	10 24	F	2pm	YC	New players welcome
Understanding Modern Art	13	M	10am	YC	We will look at war artists' work, to assess how much modern media has replaced this as a means of reporting and commentary; and the paintings of Paul Klee.
Walking 	10 24	F	1.30		Kenfig Bus Walk - 4 mile walk from Kenfig to Porthcawl. Please see the front page for more details. Glanrhyd River Walk. From Ty Risha Alehouse CF32 9SN. A 3.25 mile easy walk along the river.
Welsh					Following the sad loss of John Pearman, there will be no meetings for the time being.
Whist	6 20	M	2pm	YC	Anyone who would like to play, or learn to play, is very welcome
Wildlife	7	T	2pm		Meet at the seaside shelter opposite Ocean View Flats, CF36 3HT, for a short walk around Locks Common; looking at geology, plants, birds etc
Writing for Pleasure	1 3 2 17 3	F	10am	RC	Meetings are informal and relaxed. Beginners and experienced writers welcome. There are spaces in Groups 1 and 3.

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Venue key

AFC = Football Club
H-T = Hi-Tide
KNR = Kenfig Nature Reserve
NSR = Newton School Room
RC = Rugby Club
SH = Seagull Hotel
TC = Trinity Church
YC = YMCA