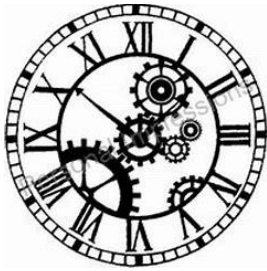


October/November 2019

MONTHLY MEETING

Friday 25th October at 2.00pm. Langybi Village Hall



THE FASCINATING HISTORY OF CLOCK MAKING

Religious prescription; Inventions; Changes in society; Traditions and Conservatism; Popular demand; Quality versus the development of mass production; Fashion and celebrities; Faking; Taxation; Persecution and Immigration; International competition; Redundancy and decline.....all these are part of the story of clock making from the 14th to the 20th century.

Malcolm Hatfield, a collector for 40 years, will tell the story of how these wide range of different influences came to define how clocks were made and who made them, illustrated with some of his own clocks.

If you bring your own, preferably portable! clock, he will try and tell you more about it and also offer advice on how to keep your old clock running.

Chairman

Unfortunately Mike Cowburn has resigned as Chairman of Usk U3A. The officers and members of the Committee would like to thank him for taking on the position and for his contribution during his tenure.

Mary Atkins, Business Secretary

Calling All Crafters ***New Crafts Group***

Like to Sew? Knit? Crochet? Quilt?
Embroider? Or any other craft?

Do you have a favourite project you would
like to share with others ?

Is there a craft you would like to learn ?

For more information, please contact Ann on
01291 672173 or annj6511@gmail.com

New Group: ***Coping with Ageing***

We enjoyed our first meeting in
October and hope to meet again on the
second Tuesday of each month.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday,
12th November at 2.00 in The Garden
Room, Morris' Garden Centre, Usk, and
we are planning to have a speaker
about scams, fraudsters and home
safety.

We would be delighted if others would
like to join us - no need to book -
cuppa and chat included!

Convenor: Libby Harry. 01291 408348.
(gypsyforth@aol.com).

Car Buddies

Do you find it difficult to get to an Usk
U3A event, like the monthly meetings
in Llangybi or the Christmas Lunch at
Cwrt Bleddyn?

Would like a lift? You would be
expected to pay a share of the fuel.

In the first instance, talk to your
Group Convenor or the people in your
group. Otherwise, call me.

If you could offer a lift to one or more
members, perhaps on a regular basis,
please also call me. I will attempt to
put you in touch with each other.

Joan Bennett 01291 650501



How do you stack up?
Find out at

U3A's 4th ANNUAL QUIZ

November 29th 2019

2 pm at Llangybi Village Hall

Teams of 6 max / Free Admission

Offers of help with the refreshments appreciated
contact Reg Darge email: rtd@darge7.plus.com

Dates for your diary

Note: Meetings held in members' homes may have to restrict numbers. At present, most groups are able to accept new members. Please check with the Convenor.

Monthly Meeting

Friday 27th November Annual Quiz (see above)

Bridge Group

Convenor: Mary Atkins 07903 977661

Every Monday and Wednesday afternoon at 1.45pm at the Sessions House, Usk.

Coping with Ageing Group

Convenor: Libby Harry 01291 408348

Tuesday, 12th November at 2.00 pm in The Garden Room, Morris' Garden Centre, Usk.
A talk on scams, fraudsters and home security (tbc)

Cribbage Group

Convenor: Roger Goffin 07501 954247

Every Wednesday evening at 7.15pm at the British Legion, Old Market St, Usk.
Absolute beginners to experienced players are welcome. Tuition will be given.

Gardening Group

Convenor: Margaret Hatfield 01291 652972

Friday 8th November at 2.00pm at Llangybi Village Hall
Jonathon Briggs of The English Mistletoe Company will be giving us a fascinating talk.
Mistletoe is extraordinary – a plant with unusual biology, peculiar winter customs dating from prehistory, a strange visual symmetry, ancient and modern medicinal usage, value (and nuisance value) in agriculture and horticulture, links to traditional orchards and important roles in wildlife conservation and biodiversity.

Reading Group 1

Convenor: Hilary Burgess 01291 690861

Thursday 21st November at 2.00 pm This month's book is Offshore by Penelope Fitzgerald.
We meet on the third Thursday of each month in a member's home. Please contact Convenor.

Reading Group 2

Convenor: Rosemary Cochrane 01291 671567

Thursday 7th November at 10.30 am
We meet on the first Thursday of each month in a member's home. Please contact Convenor.

Scrabble Group

Convenor: Rosemary Evans 01291 672276

Wednesdays 6th and 20th November 2 - 4 pm
We meet in a member's home. Please contact Convenor.

Gentle Walking

Convenor: Myra France 01291 673377

Monday 4th November Llantrisant (without the Snowdrops)
Monday 18th November Raglan (Artha or twyn-y-Sherriff)
Both start from Usk car park at 10.00am using car-share to get to the start of the walk.

Coffee Walks

Due to weather conditions, no further walks till next year.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This year's lunch will be on Thursday 5th December. Details to follow.

Did you know.....

Usk Post Office New Opening Hours:

Monday & Wednesday 9am-5pm, Thursday 9am-7pm, Saturday 9am-12.45pm.

Don't forget to renew your bus pass before 31st December 2019

Transport for Wales website is working again and you can renew your bus pass on-line or by post.
<https://tfw.gov.wales/travelcards>

If you have anything for the next Monthly Bulletin please send it **by 11th November**.

CONVENORS: Please let me have your meetings for **December and January** as there will be no Bulletin at the end of December.

Maggie Corke cafnews@btinternet.com