



Committee

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Members Meeting

14:30 21 March at **Bridges Centre** Drybridge Park Monmouth, NP25 5AS

The Finest Porcelain Ever Made – Charles Fountain

Groups

New photography group

All the u3a photography groups have either closed, or gone quiet. If anyone is interested in joining a photography group, then let me know. Then the people who are interested can get together to decide what it is that we want from our photography group.

To contact me, please go to the “board and card games” group on the new u3a website, and click the “contact convener” button.

Wendy Lefevre

Theatre group

next exciting trip: Roman Holiday – The New Cole Porter Musical on Wednesday 21 June 2023 – Afternoon Matinee starting at 2.30 at Theatre Royal Bath, Sawclose, Bath BA1 1ET

We will be leaving Monmouth at 10.30 and returning around 18.30.

The cost including the tickets and coach is £60.00 – **Payment by 1st April 2023.**

Information on the show.

Italian chic, European glamour and the timeless music and songs of the legendary Cole Porter combine in a glittering new stage musical based on the bittersweet movie comedy which made a worldwide star of Audrey Hepburn.

A multi-Academy Award winning movie when first released 70 years ago, Roman Holiday follows a youthful princess and an American journalist on a frenetic 24-hour adventure through the delights of the Italian capital. Ann, a young princess visiting Rome on a goodwill tour, escapes from the watchful eye of her chaperones. She meets Joe who offers to show her around the city, but Joe’s editor has demanded a story regarding a missing princess.

Through the course of one charming day and eventful night in Rome, Ann and Joe grow closer, but will true romance blossom before Ann has to return to her royal duties...?

Now featuring the unforgettable music of Cole Porter including *Easy to Love*, *You Do Something To Me*, *In The Still Of The Night*, *Just One Of Those Things* and *Night and Day*, the beloved movie has been adapted into a dazzling musical by Kirsten Guenther and Paul Blake, who co-wrote the stage version of Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*.

To book: e-mail Mo Shipley - maureenshipley@hotmail.com

Science and Technology

Tuesday 14 March at 2.30pm in the BRIDGES CENTRE

Humphry Davy: the promotion of a genius Dr Les Shutt

Humphry Davy (1778 – 1829) was a British chemist and inventor. In 1799 he experimented with nitrous oxide and was astonished to find it made him laugh, so he nicknamed it "laughing gas". He also wrote about its potential anaesthetic properties. This talk, illustrated by original documents, explores the factors that fuelled Davy's meteoric rise to fame – from a Penzance merchant's son to superintendent at Bristol's Pneumatic Institution – which became the launch-pad for his future career, and eventually President of the Royal Society.

You can become a member of the Science and Technology group for £12, or you are welcome to attend as a guest for £3.

Geology Group:

Wednesday 8th March at 2.00pm in the Ballroom

Geological/Geophysical Applications of Seismic Data Gerard Dunford

The talk covers the uses of seismic data in interpretation of the earth's structure & composition. Most of the talk deals with seismic reflection methods using examples from the oil industry (in which I worked). It thus concentrates on sedimentary rocks of the earth's crust. The last section deals with refraction of seismic waves produced by earthquakes and deals with the structure of the earth as a whole.

Non-members of this group are very welcome. Cost £2.

Country Dancing

February's country dancing meeting was another well attended session and everyone had an enjoyable afternoon with some new figures attempted and some old favourites revisited.

The next session will be 20 March – the third Monday as usual—and we still have about three or four spaces so if anyone would like to have a go please come to Bridges ballroom at 2p.m. to try out this very social activity.

Christine Davey

Discussion Group

The group numbers are now down to five but at our last meeting on 3rd March, Ken Winter joined us on Zoom for 20mins which was as much as he could manage due to his deteriorating health. As convenor I generally nominate in advance the topics which I've gathered from scanning the news, so we are keeping up-to-date with current affairs and

expressing our opinions on them. We continue to meet on Zoom because it suits our members but we do need others to join us so as to inject new voices and ideas and preferably, ones from younger members.

David Hoyle

Jazz Appreciation

The group numbers are now down to 8 from originally 10 so we do need two or three new members to inject fresh ideas. The new format, launched last September appears to be working well as we discover more about the artists and their styles of jazz. In our latest session we explored non-American jazz performances including British, French, Lebanese, Italian, Polish and South African. Their music was vibrant, rhythmic and so different from the traditional jazz genre we often hear. Next month we will be discovering non-American living jazz vocalists and instrumentalists because we've often been listening artists who are now dead!

David Hoyle

Critical Thinking

The next meeting will be on 28 March at 3.00 in Ty Price. We will be considering the importance of scientific and numerical literacy.

Anyone intending to come might like to listen to:

[Matt Hancock's messages: how scientifically literate should our politicians be? | Science | The Guardian](#)

And

[BBC Radio 4 - The Infinite Monkey Cage, Series 26, How to think like a mathematician](#)

Events

Drop-in coffee mornings, each Monday at the Estero Lounge in Monmouth, are proving very popular. Everyone welcome.



News from the Third Age Trust

Here is the latest copy of the Third Age Trust newsletter [Your u3a National Newsletter - March 📧 \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

Third Age Trust Magazine

Would any members who would like this for £3.60 per annum let Sue Cobourne know by 20 March.