



Committee

Magazine

Many thanks to those who contributed articles to a full and informative magazine, which will be available at the beginning of the month.

Members Meeting

David Bishop: *Steam Trains in British film and television*

Tuesday, September 19th. at 2.30p.m at Bridges Community Centre..

We're sure to enjoy a nostalgic afternoon with David Bishop. David's talk will feature clips of steam trains as depicted in comedy, drama and documentaries. Perhaps you will remember films such as *Brief Encounter*, *The Lady Vanishes* and T.V's *Ivor The Engine*. Sounds like a pleasant afternoon. Please come along with friends or on your own and enjoy a cup of tea and chat after.

Last month's meeting:



This is Sue Amos, who hosted us at the Nelson Garden. She was very authoritative on Nelson and gave an excellent talk on his association with Monmouth.

Groups

Film Club

At 2pm on Friday 22 September the Film Club will show *The Invisible Woman* in the Bridges Centre. In this 2013 film about Charles Dickens and his mistress, Nelly Ternan, Ralph Fiennes (Dickens) directs; co-stars include Felicity Jones, Kristin Scott Thomas and Tom Hollander. Admission is FREE for this month only.

For more information, click on this link: [The Invisible Woman \(2013\) - IMDb](#)

Critical Thinking

The next meeting will be on 26 September at 3.00 in Ty Price. The topic will be the importance or otherwise of tourism. If you wish to attend you might like to look at these two articles from The Guardian: [Why did tourists keep coming as Rhodes and Maui burned? It's about far more than denial | Moya Lothian-McLean | The Guardian](#); [Greeks yearn for an Aegean islands escape, but even before this hellish summer we were being priced out | Elias Maglinis | The Guardian](#). Anyone not on the members list who might be interested in coming along could email Simon Durrant at sncd@outlook.com or simply turn up on the day.

Science and Technology

Jim Martin: *Seismic data and its role in Hydrocarbon Exploration* Tuesday 12 September at 2.30pm in the BRIDGES CENTRE:

The seismic industry's revenue is \$5-10 billion per year, a significant business that few people know much about. The majority of this business involves seismic reflection data for oil and gas exploration, helping to determine the potential for hydrocarbon accumulations.

This talk will focus on what seismic data is, how we obtain it (acquisition), how we get it into a useable format (processing) and what it means (interpretation). It will touch on the techniques used onshore and offshore in the acquisition of 2d, 3d and 4d data. Particular emphasis will be on what these data are used for and why. There will be plenty of pictures and examples, with very few equations!

Craft Group

Just a reminder that the craft group will meet again after our summer break on Monday 25 September. We will be here at my house. Anyone hoping to come who needs more information can ring or email me. Christine Davey

Country Dancing Group

We will meet again on Monday 18 September at 2p.m., as usual. Newcomers very welcome at Bridges ballroom, only requirement is comfortable flat shoes. No experience or partner is no hindrance to enjoying this social activity. Christine Davey

Geology group

Wednesday the 13th September at 2.00pm

Paul Taylor will talk about Otter Hole Cave. This is an extensive cave system underneath Chepstow Racecourse. Entrance to it is from the west bank of the River Wye and is controlled by the local tides. Paul will show us both images and videos of the amazing rock formations.

Guests are very welcome at a cost of £2 each.

Theatre Group

We had a brilliant trip to Bristol on the 30th of August 2023 to see *Blood Brothers*, it was enjoyed by all.

Our next visit is to The Savoy Theatre in Monmouth, Wednesday 13th September 2023 – evening performance, starting at 1930 to see the Monmouth Music Theatre perform – *The Pirates of Penzance* (one of the all-time favourites).

If you would like to join us – it is £12.50 a ticket. Please e-mail Sue Cobourne – Sue@cobourne.com

Events

Reminder: Drop-in coffee mornings, each Monday at the Estero Lounge in Monmouth. Everyone welcome.

Future Visits

8th December Bath, Christmas market and afternoon tea

Please contact Melanie for further details: mellyu3a@gmail.com

Thirsty Thursday Pub Club – is It a good idea?

Monmouth u3a offers numerous activities and social opportunities during the day but far fewer in the evening.

So what about a regular evening get together?

I'm suggesting a new Group – the 'Thirsty Thursday Pub Club' – which will meet on an informal basis on Thursday evenings in the Queen's Head pub on the corner of St James Street and Wyebridge Street from 7.30, probably starting late September.

The Thirsty Thursday Pub Club will be the evening equivalent of the highly popular Monday Coffee and Chat sessions – just drop in when you feel like it in the confidence that there will be someone there to chat with.

So, is there enough interest amongst Monmouth u3a members to get this going? If you might be interested in coming along, please email me a.m.macdonald@reading.ac.uk to register your interest so that I can put you on the list and I can keep you updated with news if and when the new group gets started.

Averil McDonald

News from the Third Age Trust

Here is the latest copy of the Third Age Trust newsletter [Your u3a National Newsletter – August !\[\]\(21199eb166cc97331a0c54c649195dcc_img.jpg\) \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

Other

This year's ACE Monmouth Festival will take place on 23/24 September. Follow this link for more details of a very interesting sounding event:

www.acemonmouth.org/festival2023