

MONMOUTH U3A MONTHLY BULLETIN April 2019

YOUR U3A NEEDS YOU! Tell us what you think

Many thanks for the feedback we have received to date from the Monmouth U3A members' questionnaire. We would like to process the information as quickly as possible and would therefore be grateful for any remaining questionnaires to be returned/completed on-line by Monday 22nd April. The committee look forward to sharing the outcome of the questionnaire at the June members' meeting.

Tomorrow's (April) Monthly Meeting, 16th April 2019 2.30pm Bridges

Special Places around the World

A presentation by Malcolm Meadows

Advance Notice

Monthly Meeting 21st May 2019 at 2.30pm Bridges

DNA – Forensics and Crime

A presentation by Rhian Morgan

Join Wales Gene Park for a talk on DNA, forensics and crime. The talk will give an introduction to DNA – the blueprint for life – and describe what a DNA fingerprint is; how it is produced; how it was discovered, and how this discovery has revolutionised the way in which criminal investigations can be conducted. Examples will be given of cases in which DNA evidence has been used.

Trip to Insole Court and Tredegar House



There are still some places on the coach for the trip on 1st May to two historic houses - Insole Court, Llandaff and Tredegar House, Newport.

This will be a full day trip leaving Monmouth at 9am and returning about 5.00pm. In the morning there is an included tour of Insole Court and, in the afternoon, free time at Tredegar House and Park. We have arranged an optional tour of Tredegar House which includes the family and servants' quarters.

The cost for the day trip (without the tour of Tredegar House) is £20 to include coach, driver's tip and tour of Insole House. The cost for the tour of Tredegar House is an extra £5 for National Trust Members or £13.80 for non-members.

Please send cheques made payable to "Monmouth U3A activities" to Tricia Dodd, Yew Croft, Wonastow, Monmouth NP25 4DL or give to Kate Waldron at the April members' meeting.

U3A Weekend Luncheon Group



We would like to know how much interest there would be in organising a monthly weekend lunch at a variety of different venues around the Monmouth area.

If you are interested in participating in this group please ring or email Diana Wilkinson on 01600713212 or joandica@msn.com.

Theatre Outing



I have planned a theatre trip to see **The Mikado** at **The Festival Theatre Malvern**.

The Mikado is arguably one of the most popular operas ever written. Set in the fictional Japanese town of Titipu, The Mikado satirises British society, customs and pretensions through a farcical Gilbertian plot brimming with humour.

In the topsy turvy world of The Mikado, flirting is punishable by death and Nanki-Poo (the son of The Mikado disguised as a wandering minstrel) attempts to escape from the formidable Katisha and into the arms of his love, Yum-Yum. Meanwhile Ko-Ko, the hapless Lord High Executioner has much on his mind and needs to work hard to avoid his own decapitation!"

Date: Saturday 7th September at 2.30pm.

Cost: £38 which includes a seat in row A / B of the circle, the coach fare and tip for the driver.

The coach will leave Monmouth at midday so there will be time for lunch in Malvern before the show.

Please contact me, Sue Loubser at: loubser4@hotmail.com to reserve a place.

Cheques made payable to Monmouth U3A Activities and sent to: Sue Loubser, Entabeni, Highfield Road, Monmouth NP25 3HR by 14 May please.

Wales U3A: Short Story Writing Competition

This competition is open to current members of all Welsh U3As. Entry is free.

The short story of a maximum of 1500 words can be fictional or non-fictional and must be submitted between 1st July and 31st August 2019. The winner will receive a £25 gift token as well as, of course, significant kudos.

If anyone is interested and would like to receive more information please contact *Mike Saunders* at: mikesaunders.mjs@gmail.com or 01600 716255.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

CINEMA GOERS

at The Savoy Theatre, Monmouth

Tuesday, 14 May 2019 at 10.30am Doors open 10.00am Admission £6.00

It is open to non-members so bring along your friends who haven't joined U3A

Our films are subtitled

CRAZY RICH ASIANS (2018) USA 12A Running time: 2hrs

'Crazy Rich Asians' follows native New Yorker Rachel Chu (*Constance Wu*) as she accompanies her long-time boyfriends Nick Young (Henry Golding), to his best friend's wedding in Singapore. Excited about visiting Asia for the first time but nervous about meeting Nick's family, Rachel is unprepared to learn Nick has neglected to mention a few key details about his life. It turns out that he is not only the scion of one of the country's wealthiest families but also one of its most sought-after bachelors. Being on Nick's arm puts a target on Rachel's back, with jealous socialites and, worse, Nick's own disapproving mother (Michelle Yeoh) taking aim. And it soon becomes clear that while money can't buy love, it can definitely complicate things.

~ Rotten Tomatoes

FRENCH INTERMEDIATE BULLETIN

The French Intermediate group remains at full complement and continues to thrive. To date our knowledge has been enhanced not only by the French language and its grammar but also by pooling together experiences of our members, touching on French art, music, cinema, history, geography, cuisine, wine-growing, culture, literature, politics, etiquette and traditions in France and other French speaking countries.

Our recent event spanned a morning and afternoon viewing the much acclaimed film 'Les Enfants du Paradis', made during the German occupation of France in WWII when much clandestine work had to be carried out. Purposely delaying the film's release until after France's liberation proved to be an ingenious move to give the French the uplift they craved to set about rebuilding their lives and identity. People queued for 2 hours to see the 3 hour film that ran continuously for 54 weeks, allowing the boxoffice to double the ticket prices! Awash with scenes of street theatre, mime, acrobatics, ingenious photography and sets that created illusions, our group felt well privileged to have had the opportunity to view such a masterpiece. The film had recently gone through a digital restoration process, eliminating blemishes and custom stamps on the original negatives so that it could be released on DVD. By kind permission of 2 of our members we had access to a private cinema in the basement of their home. This allowed us to see this epic work on a big screen with the added bonus of enjoying a typical French lunch break before returning for the second half. C'était formidable!

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Tuesday, May 14th 2019 2.30 pm
Michel Troy Village Hall

“Radar from 1935 to the Cold War”

A presentation by Mike Burslow, Malvern U3A

Come and join us!

We are always on the lookout for members who would be interested in joining the committee. If you are interested in getting more involved then why not come along to one of our committee meetings to see what goes on there or speak to one of the committee members. We'd love to hear from you!

Please send copy for May Bulletin to monmouthu3a@gmail.com

by the 15th of May