

## MONMOUTH U3A MONTHLY BULLETIN February 2019

**Monthly Meeting, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019 2.30pm Bridges**

**The Anglo-Saxon Period in the Forest of Dean**

**A talk by Alex Knight**

### **Advance Notice**

**Monthly Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 2.30 Bridges**

**The Humorous Side of Life as a Marine Artist by Nick John Rees**

Art has always played an important part in Nick's life and he painted from a very young age. His work reflects his fascination with the effect of light on nature.

Nick enjoys the challenge of painting seascapes and his interest lies in capturing atmosphere and light. Wherever possible Nick paints en plein air to fully absorb the atmosphere and spirit of the scene before returning to his studio to complete the work. Through the reduction of excess detail he strives to translate the ordinary and evoke the power and emotion of the sea in a way that allows people to find their own interpretation of the mood of the water.

Nick's paintings are held in both public and private collections throughout Europe, Australian, America and Asia and his work in galleries throughout Wales and England as well as in France.



### **Trip to the RHS Cardiff Flower Show**

A trip to the RHS Cardiff Flower Show is being organised for Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April. The coach will leave Monmouth at about 9.30am and return from Cardiff at about 4.30pm.

The show tickets cost £12 per person, although if we have a group over 10 we will be able to get a group reduction. There will also be the cost of the coach which will be dependant on the number of people who would like to come.

The show is situated in Bute Park by Cardiff Castle so other Cardiff attractions are nearby.

If you are interested in going, please ring Diana Wilkinson on 01600713212 or email her on [joandica@msn.com](mailto:joandica@msn.com) to book your place.



### **Theatre Goers**

**Some tickets remaining for new ballet 'Victoria' by Northern Ballet**

**Date:** Thursday 23rd May 2.30 matinee

**Venue:** New Theatre, Cardiff

**Cost:** £38 which includes a seat in G/H of the circle, coach and driver's tip

Coach will leave Monmouth at 11.30, so there is time for lunch before the performance and leave Cardiff directly after the performance has finished.

Please contact [jancurrie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jancurrie@hotmail.co.uk) as soon as possible if you are interested.

**News from local U3As**  
**Dementia awareness session**

Gilwern U3A are holding a Dementia Awareness Workshop on 27<sup>th</sup> February between 2 and 4 pm. It is open to all members of local U3As. It is being held at Gilwern Community Centre, Common Road, Gilwern. Refreshments will be available,

**RHS Malvern Spring Show**

Forest of Dean U3A are organising a trip to this show on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May and Monmouth U3A members are welcome to join. The cost will be about £35 plus transport. If you are interested please contact Judith James for further details. [J4ude@hotmail.com](mailto:J4ude@hotmail.com) 01594 840750

**NEWS FROM THE GROUPS**

**Monmouth Hard of Hearing Group**

This group meets for lip reading classes and much more!

Fridays 2pm-4pm Monmouth Library  
Please contact Charlotte Jones for more details.

[charlottetygwyn@gmail.com](mailto:charlottetygwyn@gmail.com) 01600714550

**Science & Technology**

Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup> 2019, 2.30pm Mitchel Troy Village Hall

**Molecules of Murder**

This talk, by the popular science author, John Emsley, is about deadly poisons and the murderers who used them. It views crimes from the viewpoint of the poison itself, and in doing so shines new light on how famous murders and assassinations were carried out and ultimately how the perpetrators were uncovered and brought to justice. The talk includes some poisons which are natural and used in domestic murders, although some were prescribed and used in medicine. Some deadly agents are man-made and were supposedly undetectable. They have been used by Russia to assassinate former secret agents, but forensic scientists here have been able to uncover them

For those unable to attend our meetings, a summary is always posted on the Science and Technology page of Monmouth U3A website. It is worth visiting the site to read up on last month's meeting.

**Cinema Group**

**The Wife (2018) Certificate 15**

**The Savoy Theatre, Monmouth**

**Tuesday, 12 March 2019 at 10.30am**  
**Doors open 10.00am Admission £6.00**  
**Running time: 1hrs 40mins**

Behind any great man, there's always a greater woman – and you're about to meet her. Joan Castleman (Glenn Close): a highly intelligent and still strikingly beautiful – the perfect, devoted wife. Forty years spent sacrificing her own talent, dreams and ambitions to fan the flames of her charismatic husband, Joe (Jonathan Pryce) and his sky-rocketing literary career. Ignoring his infidelities and excuses because of his 'art' with grace and humour. Their fateful pact has built a marriage upon uneven compromises and Joan's reached her breaking point. On the eve of Joe's Nobel prize for Literature, the crown jewel in a spectacular body of work, Joan's *coup de grace* is to confront the biggest sacrifice of her life and secret of his career.

NB: Glenn Close has been nominated for the Best Actress at the Oscars. She has been nominated six times previously so maybe this is her year.

**Open to non-members so bring along your friends who haven't joined U3A**

**Our films are subtitled**

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**by the 10<sup>th</sup> of March**