

# MONMOUTH U3A MONTHLY BULLETIN September 2019

**September Monthly meeting  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2.30 Bridges  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Followed by  
Antarctica- The Human Side  
A talk by Rachel Morgan**

With a BSC in cartography and geography, Rachel started out as a custodian of the priceless photograph collection of the Royal Geographical Society and then worked for an environmental think-tank at the University of Oxford. The acceptance of women wintering in the mid-1990s meant that Rachel achieved her lifelong dream of working in the Antarctic as the first female wintering field guide at Rothera Research Station with the British Antarctic Survey. She has been immersed in Antarctica matters ever since; first establishing the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust as one of the major forces in Antarctic heritage and, more recently, working as a naturalist and lecturer on expedition ships

## **Lunch Club**



There are two meetings of the lunch club in September. One on 7<sup>th</sup> September at the Potting Shed, Whitchurch and one on 28<sup>th</sup> September at the Cripple Creek nr Raglan

If anybody would like to join us please could they contact Diana on [joandica@msn.com](mailto:joandica@msn.com) or 01600713212 to book their place

## **U3A Diaries 2020**

If you would like to order U3A diary for 2020 at a price of £2.75 please contact [monmouthu3a@gmail.com](mailto:monmouthu3a@gmail.com) or call Mike Saunders on 01600 716255

## **ANNUAL MAGAZINE**

This year's magazine will be posted w/c 2nd September and will include a membership renewal form and also AGM agenda/nominations for the committee. The magazine is being distributed a little later this year as the membership year now starts on 1st October in accordance with the resolution passed at last year's AGM. We are still desperately short on nominations for next year's committee.

## **Members' meetings**

Thanks to all members who contacted us with ideas for topics for members' meetings. We are putting together the future programme now

## Abergavenny Lecture Day

Abergavenny U3A are organising a lecture day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September and invite our members to attend. The lectures cover the Wydean and Doctor Livingstone at a cost of £10 including lunch.

Reservations are required by 13<sup>th</sup> September and full details can be found on our website <https://www.monmouthu3a.com/notice-board.html>

### MONMOUTHSHIRE BEACON ARTICLES

Although there was feedback from the recent members' survey suggesting we have more articles in the Monmouthshire Beacon, we have not received any volunteers for taking over from Marianne Wright who is stepping down from the role after 8 years service. Consequently, there will be no more articles in the Beacon.

### NEWS FROM THE GROUPS



#### Lip Reading

The lip reading group is good fun and a social gathering. It meets in Monmouth Library on Fridays 2.00pm- 4.00 pm

It is restarting on 13 September for 13 weeks

Please contact Charlotte Jones [charlottetygwyn@gmail.com](mailto:charlottetygwyn@gmail.com) or Colin Harris 01600 775656 for more details.

### Theatregoers

The next theatre trip is to see PRISM at Malvern:

Terry Johnson's delightfully witty and poignant play based on the extraordinary life of double Oscar-winning cinematic master Jack Cardiff, starring Robert Lindsay and Tara Fitzgerald.

The legendary Jack Cardiff has retired to the sleepy village of Denham, Buckinghamshire. His days of hard work – and play – on some of the most famous film sets in the world are now long behind him, as are his secret liaisons with some of the most famous women in the world... Surrounded by memorabilia from a lifetime of 'painting with light', the writing of an autobiography should be an easy matter – were it not that Jack would now rather *live* in the past than remember it.

Venue: Malvern Theatre

Date: Wednesday 27th November at 2.30pm

Cost: £41.50 which includes ticket, coach fare and driver's tip.

To reserve a place please contact Sue at: [loubser4@hotmail.com](mailto:loubser4@hotmail.com)

Please make cheques payable to Monmouth U3A Activities and send to: Sue Loubser, Entabeni, Highfield Road, Monmouth, NP25 3HR by 21st September

## Science and Technology

The next meeting is on Tuesday September 10th 2.30pm in Mitchel Troy Village Hall when Phil Charlesworth will give a presentation on **Solar Flight: Past, Present and Future**

### Cinema Goers The Savoy Theatre, Monmouth

**It is the new season for the U3A Cinema Group - forthcoming films are:**

**September: 'If Beale Street Could Talk'**

**October: 'At Eternity's Gate'**

**November: 'Happy As Lazzaro'**

**December: 'Leave No Trace'**

**It is open to non-members so bring along your friends who aren't members  
All films are subtitled**

**Tuesday, 10th September 2019 at 10.30am**

**Doors open 10.00am Admission £6.00**

**Running time: 2hrs**

**IF BEALE STREET COULD TALK (USA) Certificate 15**

Set in early 1970s Harlem, 'If Beale Street Could Talk' is a timeless and moving love story of both a couple's unbreakable bond and the African-American family's empowering embrace, as told through the eyes of 19-year-old Tish Rivers (*screen newcomer Kiki Layne*). A daughter and wife-to-be, Tish vividly recalls the passion, respect and trust that have connected her and her artist fiancé Alonzo Hunt, who goes by the nickname Fonny (*Stephan James*). Friends since childhood, the devoted couple dream of a future together but their plans are derailed when Fonny is arrested for a crime he did not commit. Through the unique intimacy and power of cinema, 'If Beale Street Could Talk' honours the author's prescient words and imagery, charting the emotional currents navigated in an unforgiving and racially biased world as the film-maker poetically crosses time frames to show how love and humanity endure. - *Rotten Tomatoes*

*Regina King, who plays Sharon Rivers, Tish's mother won Best Supporting Actress at this year's OSCARs. The film was also nominated for Best Original Music Score and Best Adapted Screenplay*

**Please send information for the October bulletin to [monmouthu3a@gmail.com](mailto:monmouthu3a@gmail.com) by 26<sup>th</sup> September**