

The August/September Issue will be distributed in mid-August

July Monthly Meeting

Our speaker for the monthly meeting on 9th July will be Chris Higley, a member of Sully U3A.

Chris collects maps, mainly old Ordnance Survey maps. His talk will describe the beginnings of the Ordnance Survey and introduce a small display of some of the items from his collection. On show will be nineteenth and early twentieth century OS maps of the local area, together with a First World War trench map, WWII German maps of Cardiff, a prisoner of war escape map and, notably, the top-secret Soviet map of Cardiff.

There will be no monthly meeting in August. In September, the meeting at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday 10th Sept. will be "*Meet the Groups*" when members will have the opportunity to find out what goes on at groups, they are not familiar with, and discuss ideas and plans for new groups. It also gives potential members a good overview of Cardiff U3A, so please invite your friends.

Gardening Group

At the well-attended inaugural/planning meeting held on 20th June, it was decided that the first group meeting will be held on Thursday 18th July at the City URC Church in Windsor Place from 2:00 to 3:30 pm.

Members of the group will contribute talks or mini informative chats on a theme. At the first meeting there will be a short talk about Propagation and a plant swap. Please DO NOT feel obliged to bring anything, but any 'spare' plants or cuttings, that you have, will be welcome and, hopefully, you will take away a new addition for your own garden, plant tub or window box.

It was suggested that at each meeting the group discusses a few queries from members – either to identify plants (or maybe decide whether it is a weed), encouraging wildlife and discouraging pests or just general advice. Email the group, at the address below, in advance of the meetings with details of the queries together with appropriate photographs. The first five will be discussed at this meeting.

Future meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the URC. Local visits will be arranged at other times of the month.

New members may join the group online (through Beacon) or contact the group at gardening@cardiffu3a.org.uk

Sherman Plays Event

The Sherman Theatre is planning an event called Sherman Plays to give older people a chance to see a play and socialise. They will be able to enjoy a rehearsed reading of a play and refreshments. There will be also be a Q&A session with the actors and the director.

The first event will be at the Sherman Studio on Thursday 4th July at 11:00 am. This will be a reading of Irish playwright, Brian Friel's inventive play, "The Yalta Game", which is based on a theme in Chekhov's short story, "The Lady with the Lapdog."

The cost of the tickets will be £2.50 per person and can be purchased from the box office (029 2064 6900) or on-line at box.office@shermantheatre.co.uk. If you have access requirements mention it when booking your tickets.

Transport to and from the Theatre can be arranged if needed. For further details contact Carys, by email, at c.treharne-wehden@shermantheatre.co.uk

Additions and Changes to the July Group Meetings and August Group Meetings. **and other information about them not shown in the Group Activities Booklet**

- Book Group** - Tue Jul 9th. *'A Girl Is a Half-formed Thing'* by Eimear McBride and collect *'The Big Over Easy'* by Jasper Fforde which is to be discussed on Aug 13th. (Check venue for that meeting only)
- Bridge Group** - Mon July 1st and 8th. Not at URC (check with convenor) All meetings are held in August.
- Bus Pass Thursday** - Thu July 11th Blaenavon World Heritage Site and Thu Aug. 8th Pontypridd.
- Canasta** - Wed July 3rd - Change of venue to St David's Hall, Level 1
- Craft** - Meeting in August on Wed. August 14th .
- Current Affairs Discussion** - Meeting in August on Mon. Aug 12th.
- French Conversation** - Meetings in August on Thu. Aug 8th and Thu. Aug 22nd.
- Gardening** - Thu. Jul 18th *Propagation and plant swap*
- History** - Wed. July 10th *'The Jacobite rebellions of 1715 and 1745'*, Wed. July 24th *'The Voyages of Captain Cook'* and Wed. Aug 7th *'Part 2 - Man's early flight; a lot of hot air?'*
- Local History** - Tue. Jul 23rd - *The Glamorganshire Canal* - A talk by Stephen Rowson
- Music Appreciation** - Wed July 3rd - at Level 1 of St. David's Hall,
Abigail Askew, the young violinist doing her post-grad studies at the Royal Welsh College, to give her postponed talk about The Violin in all its guises.
- Photography Field Trip** - Wed. July 10th at SS Great Britain
- Prose and Poetry** - Thu. Jul 18th - *Trains*
- Sunday Lunch** - Sun Jul 7th - La Trattoria Molisana, the Globe Centre, Albany Road.
- Science Group** - Wed. Jul 17th - PhD student Lorna Sumption who works on epigenetics in pregnancy.
- Singing for Pleasure** - Jul 8th (only) - Eglwys Dewi Sant, St Andrew's Crescent
- Swimming** - Tues. 2nd & 9th School swimming until 3pm. Tues 16th - No schools - U3A 2.15 3:45
- Thursday Discussion Group** - Thu. Jul 11th - *Why has the Kashmir crisis lasted so long?*
and Thu. Jul 25th - *How is space changing Earth?*
- Walking** - Tue. Jul 2nd - Ruperra - Meet in The Hollybush, Draethen car park.
Tue. Jul 16th - Peterstone Super Ely - Sportsman's Rest car park (CF5 6LH)
Tue. Aug 6th - Marcross - The Horseshoe car park (CF61 1ZG)
Tue. Aug 20th - Ogmere - Costal car park near Pen y Bont Surf Club (CF32 0PB)
- Welsh Improvers** - Fri Jul 5th and Jul 19th at City URC. Fri 2nd Aug at St. David's Hall

Always check dates and times with the group or the Beacon Calendar.

For more information and to contact us.

The easiest way to contact us is by email or by using the links to the groups on their web pages.

For more information on anything in this newsletter contact us at info@cardiffu3a.org.uk or 07474 607976
Members with queries relating to their membership should contact memsec@cardiffu3a.org.uk or 07926 533693
Queries from those wishing to join Cardiff U3A should be sent to new.members@cardiffu3a.org.uk

If you have any news to submit to the Aug/Sept issue, please send it to comms@cardiffu3a.org.uk by 31st July.