



Swansea U3A

MEMBERS' BULLETIN

Autumn 2019



If you are joining U3A for the first time, welcome to Swansea U3A.

If you are renewing your membership, we are delighted that you will be continuing to enjoy all the experiences that U3A has to offer.

The Members' Bulletin sets out some of the activities you can look forward during the Autumn 2019. It is going to be published on the web and in paper format available at the Sign Up for Summer event in July and our Open Day in October. If you know a member who would like to have the information, can you please pass a copy on.

Lynette Carr Chair, Swansea U3A

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 2 October 2019

at the Dragon Hotel, Swansea SA1 5LS

10.00 am – 2.00 pm

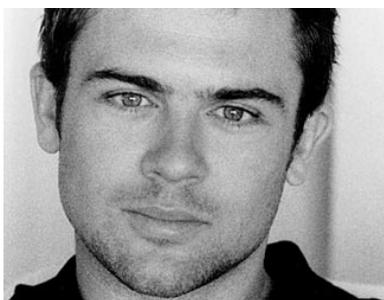
Our OPEN DAY is one of the highlights of the Swansea U3A calendar. It is a day which is open to all including the general public. It is an opportunity for existing members and prospective members to have a look around at all the activities which are happening throughout the U3A year.

- **Interest Group displays** covering a wide variety of tastes. To see the full list, access the website www.swanseau3a.wildapricot.org under Groups
- The **social activities and events** – you can buy your tickets at the Open Day
- The weekly **Lecture programme**
- The chance to **renew your membership or join U3A** – Annual Membership Fee is £10.00

It is a lively affair and is always well attended. Come with a friend. The event is organised by our Groups Co-ordinator, Sue Shannon-Jones, who can be contacted on groupdev@u3aswansea.org.uk.

A LECTURE NOT TO BE MISSED!

An exciting programme of weekly lectures is planned for the year ahead starting with **our first Lecture on Wednesday 9 October 2019 at 2.30 pm in the Faraday Lecture Theatre, Swansea University** - one you will not want to miss. Our speaker is **Owen Sheers**, the award-winning Welsh novelist, poet and playwright. He will be talking about his poem **To Provide All People** – A poem in the voice of the NHS, an intimate story of the NHS in British society today and a compelling insight into an issue of concern to us all (copies will be on sale on the day). It will be a unique opportunity for members to hear Owen Sheers speaking as he is much in demand.



CONTACT DETAILS

Phone Enquiries: 07780 002262. (If there is no reply please leave a message and we **WILL** get back to you.)

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Hilary Clarke, Vice Chair, Swansea U3A

AT A GLANCE - SOCIAL EVENTS AND OUTINGS

October (date yet to be finalised)	Wine Appreciation Group This social group meets informally in Mumbles approx. 5 times a year to enjoy a wide range of good wines (t-totals welcome at half price) & substantial plates of food. Contact Val via the Wine Appreciation Group on the website.
2 October (Wed.)	Open Day at the Dragon Hotel, Swansea 10.00 am – 2.00 pm Open event.
1 November (Friday)	Murder Mystery Challenge - Who killed the Secret Agent? A NEW EVENT At St. David's Priory Church Hall, Swansea 12 noon – 3.30 pm Tickets £8 including lunch and glass of wine. Tickets on sale from September via website, at Open Day and at Lectures. Contact: Events Co-ordinator, Carol via the website.
20 November (Wed.)	Swansea U3A Annual Quiz at West Cross Community Centre, West Cross, Swansea (pm - exact time to be finalised) Tickets available from the Quiz Group (contact Jenny), at the Open Day, at Lectures and via the website from end of September. Tickets go quickly so buy early to avoid disappointment.
6 December (Friday)	Outing to Stratford-upon-Avon Victorian Christmas Market Leaving Swansea City Centre at 7.30 a.m. Tickets on sale from October at Open Day, at Lectures, via the website or contact Outings Co-ordinator, Rosemary, on tel. 07572 558752 or email brangwyn22@googlemail.com

Could you give something back?

U3A requires the input of numerous volunteers to keep it operating successfully. We have no paid staff but rely entirely on the goodwill of members who give voluntarily of their own time to help. Resourcing the many different activities presents quite a challenge. We constantly need volunteers in whatever capacity large or small. Can you help us? WE CANNOT FUNCTION WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS. In the coming year, I will be co-ordinating an initiative to encourage more members to volunteer. Different volunteering opportunities will arise and we will be promoting them to the membership at such events as the Open Day, at Lectures and on the website. Drop by our stall at the Open Day. I look forward to seeing you there or you can contact me on vicechair@u3aswansea.org.uk.



Hilary Clarke, Vice Chair, Swansea U3A

Celebrating our Coastline and Borders

The culmination of the recent **Coastline and Border Celebration**, a Wales U3A shared learning project inspired stories, photographs and experiences. Swansea U3A members made a significant contribution. The Creative and Poetry groups put together '**Gower – Jewel in the Crown**', a CD of creative writing. At the Wales National Conference in May, Jill Govier, Creative Writing convenor, presented the finished recording to much acclaim from the delegates.

Sarah Lever, convenor for the Gourmet's Guide to History group compiled a book of historic recipes called **Welsh Coastal Food** with illustrations by Jan Spicer of Fishguard U3A. Sarah also presented at the Conference and was keen to acknowledge that the book was very much a team effort from many sources!

The Conference also saw the launch of the new **Castles Shared Learning Project**. For more details, contact Shared Learning Co-ordinator, Sue Shannon-Jones on the following link:

<https://sites.google.com/view/walesu3acastlesslp/home>