



FoD U3A Newsletter

June 2023

U3A Lunch Club

When: The Lunch Club meets once a month on the **4th Wednesday** at various restaurants in the area for a meal and a chat.

Contact: Jackie Chapman 07735 032208

Sign up: At the monthly general meeting held 3rd Wednesday of the month at Lydney Town Hall
or by phone to Jackie

28 June 2023 The White Hart, Cinderford
12.30 for 1pm £15.00

- Ham, Egg, Peas and Chips
- Homemade Lasagne, Garlic Bread, Chips and Salad
- Homemade Cottage Pie and Chips
- Scampi, Peas and Chips
- Sweet Potato, Goat's Cheese, Spinach Pie, Chips and Salad
- Roasted Butternut Squash, Peppers and Breadcrumbs, Chips and Salad

- Cookie Dough Cheesecake
- Sticky Toffee Pudding
- Fruit Salad
- Banana Sticky Toffee Pudding (v)

Welcome to our June newsletter! We meet again on Wednesday, June 21, the summer equinox, to hear Paul Barnett's talk "Wrecks to Relics - Purton's Mulberry Blueprint". Paul returns on November 15 to tell us about the Severn Bridge Disaster.

Forest of Dean U3A AGM

Please remember our AGM is on Wednesday 19 July. Nomination forms for anyone interested in standing for the committee will be available on June 21 with signatures from two U3A members required. Even if you do not want to be a committee member, there are still many opportunities to help our work. We depend on the goodwill and commitment of members to keep all our U3A groups activities going. Please talk to one of the committee members about what you might be able to do in our U3A. Our membership year begins again in July, and membership forms will be available at this month's meeting where you can pay by cheque or cash. The annual membership fee remains at £12.

I look forward to seeing you at 2pm on Wednesday 21 June in Lydney Town Hall for Paul Barnett's talk on Wrecks to Relics.

Ken Syme

Hotfooters

26 July 2023 The New Inn, Viney

Hill 12.30 for 1pm £14.00

- Cottage Pie with Veg
- Faggots, Mash and Peas
- Fish, Chips and Peas
- Ham, Egg and Chips

- Apple Pie and custard
- Syrup Sponge and Custard
- Ice Cream
- Fruit Salad

Petanque

Petanque is held on the 2nd Monday and 4th Tuesday of each month at Forest Hills Golf Club between 2pm and 4pm, no booking required. Contact Paul Milner for more details.

Our talks programme June - November 2023

21 June Paul Barnett

Wrecks to Relics - Purtons Mulberry Blue Print

19 July Pamela Holland

The Enchanted Isle - this talk will begin at 2.15 following the AGM at 2pm.

16 August John Beckingham

A Brief History of Jazz - Where, How and Why did it all start?

20 September Dennis Hayden

The History of the UK Nuclear Weapons Test Programme 1952 to 1967

18 October Air Marshall Sir Graham

**"Dusty" Miller
Brat to Big Hat ... and Beyond**

15 November Paul Barnett

The Severn Bridge Disaster

A small group of members joined me for a walk through the Lydney Estates. We had some good views along the way across the River Severn to the Cotswolds and as we returned into Lydney we had some good views looking across the town towards St Mary's Church.

The walk on the 15 June will start from the Swan Road car Park at 10.00. Along the 6 mile route we will pass some historical structures. On arrival at the harbour there is the chance to have some refreshment with a break to allow time to explore the harbour before returning to the start via Lydney golf club.

The walk on the 20 Jul will start from Parkend Sports Field, opposite the Memorial Hall at 10:00. We will have a 5 mile circular route that will allow us the chance to visit Cannop Ponds before any construction work is started.

August 17: Stan Boshier will be leading Abbots Wood/ Soudley Ponds Walk

The starting point will be the children's play ground at the end of Buckshaft Road that is a turning off St Whites Rd which is the road to Coleford bypassing Cinderford. There is parking in this area.

The walk will enter Abbots Wood and climb the gentle slope towards the crest of the ridge. Over the top and down to the track towards the stables. Turning right off the track winding down to the lower track. Right onto the lower track climbing up to the path on the left which leads down to the Littledean Road. Crossing the road into Soudley Ponds car park and after the car park descending to go over the bridge to walk down the right side of the valley. At the end of the ponds climb up the path towards Abbots Wood. Enter the wood and immediately take the path on the left. Going along the path until it meets the rising path which leads to the track that heads back to the starting point.

If you are intending to join me on the walk will you please let me know (bob.garside1@btopenworld.com) because it allows me to delay the walk if someone is running a bit late and also if I needed to cancel the walk I know who to contact.

Bob

