

Welcome to Barry Yacht Club's Thursday Winter Talks Programme 2023-2024

Please support our Talks Programme and our Speakers, who generously give their time, experience, expertise and enthusiasm!

The talks begin at **20.00**, lasting no more than an hour.

Compass Kitchen & Bar will be open from **18.30** with a delicious 'Basket' meal menu, so come along early and enjoy a fun, relaxed, informative evening

Guests are warmly welcomed

Here are the Talks...

November 16th

'Darkness in the City of Light'

This evening, sit comfortably and be transported into the 'city of light', Paris under German occupation. You'll be introduced to Marcel Petiot, the embodiment of the chaos of war, of the evil and inhumanity of dictatorship. Is Marcel a serial killer? Doctor? Resistance fighter? Collaborator?



Professor Tony Curtis lived in Barry for more than 40 years and has had a 40-year career in Education as well as writing and editing over 40 books, most recently his first novel, (the topic this evening), and an anthology of poems for the Ty Hafan children's charity – *Where the Birds Sing our Names*.

He has been honoured with many prestigious literary awards including the Gregory Award and the Dylan Thomas Award for Spoken Poetry, judged by Dannie Abse and Dylan's daughter Aeronwy. He received a Cholmondeley Award in 1998 and was awarded a D.Litt. in 2004. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.

November 23rd

Don't be 'At a loose end' tonight; or 'between the devil and the deep blue sea'

Come on down to BYC where **Dave Herbert, Assistant Harbour Master for the Bristol & Avon Port Authority** will share 'chock a block' examples of how nautical expressions and language has crept into modern usage.



When this entertaining talk has ended, don't 'cut and run' because Compass Bar will be open and there'll be time to chat about your own phrases and expressions!

The talk on November 30th is awaiting confirmation

December 7th "Now then...where *did* we put the instructions?"



Many of us at BYC are familiar with the story of **The Newport Medieval Ship** and have enjoyed previous visits from 'Friends of the Newport Ship'

Please join us this evening to welcome **Bob Evans. Retired Chair of The Friends** who can bring us an update on the reconstruction phase

A raffle will be held in support of the continuation of this important Project

December 14th

What do Medical Artists do all day?

Jan Sharp, a medical artist for over 35 years, reflects on the wide range of work she has undertaken across her career. From the development of holdable diagnostic tools for patients unable to speak to vivid illustrations of terrifying post-operative hallucinations, the images and items Jan will bring along will leave us in no doubt that at UWH Heath Hospital, no two days were ever the same!

Prepare to be surprised....



Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Club over the Christmas period

January 4th Historic tales of Barry: a rapidly developing dock town

Meet Vale of Glamorgan and Barry Town Councillor **Nic Hodges**, who takes the stage to



regale us with fascinating stories about our town. With an exceptional flair for storytelling, Nic's animated talks are known to leave the audience spellbound. Drawing upon extensive archival and documentary research, Nic seamlessly weaves together photographic images and intriguing facts, bringing the rich history of Barry to life. Prepare to be amazed, entertained, and perhaps even shocked by the revelations. Nic is a

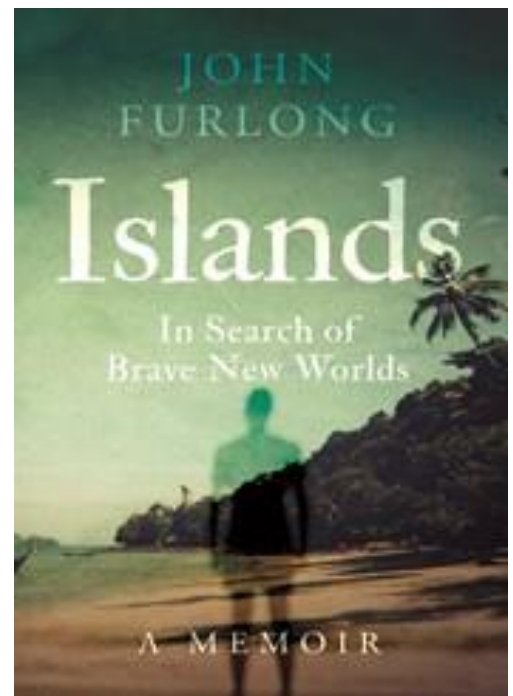
consummate storyteller, making this talk an unforgettable experience.

Please note that the content is intended for adult audiences only, adding an extra layer of intrigue to this extraordinary event.

January 11th

John Furlong is a British educationist, author, and academic. He is an Emeritus Professor of Education at the University of Oxford, an Emeritus Fellow of Green Templeton College, Oxford, and an adviser to the Welsh Government on Initial Teacher Education (ITE).

Set in 1969, 'Islands' is John's first non-academic publication; a memoir of the time he and his friend Mike lived and worked in Manhattan. That summer, New York became the epicentre of the brave new world of 'Alternative America' – drugs, meditation, the anti-war movement, gay liberation, civil rights, feminism. However, John became disillusioned, wanting to experience somewhere more 'real'.



'Islands' takes us to the Caribbean where he and Mike discover the pre-tourism beauty and simplicity of island life. But they also have to confront the reality of a collapsing British Empire which lays bare the legacy of 400 years of colonialism and slavery – the poverty and corruption that was always there but that the Brits refused to see. Then, on the tiny island of Carriacou, they meet Father Pat, a charismatic Marxist priest who asks John to join him in his struggle to create a more just society. But who was Father Pat and what did John learn from him? Only now, 50 years on, does John finally discover the priest's identity and his role in Grenada's socialist revolution of 1979 – that country's ill-fated bid to build its own brave new world.

January 18th

'PHARMACOGENOMICS'

Have you ever had a reaction to a medication? Perhaps you developed a rash, headaches, or something far worse. Today's medications are both one-size-fits-all and trial-and-error. You know that just because your neighbour tolerated a medication doesn't mean that you will too, but there's no way to know if you will react to a drug until you try it. This is where PHARMACOGENOMICS comes in. Put simply.... ***how your genes can help you get the right dose of the right medicine, at the right time, saving the nhs £££'s; a win/win scenario!***

This is Wales Gene Park's 3rd visit to BYC, previously having brought us the story of their involvement in determining that the skeleton in the car park was that of King Richard and the Development of Genomics.



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January 25th

TELEPHONE, MAIL, EMAIL
PHISHING, TEXT
MESSAGES...SCAMS ARE AT AN ALL-
TIME HIGH & BECOMING MORE
TECHNICAL AND CONVINCING!

ARE YOU 100% CONFIDENT THAT
YOU WOULDN'T BE CAUGHT OUT AND POTENTIALLY LOSE YOUR MONEY? YOUR
IDENTITY? YOUR SECURITY?

Accredited Financial Investigators, Detective Sargeants Ian Roche and Tyrone Peach from the Economic & Cyber Crime Unit, South Wales Police, will update us on the newest scams & advise on how to avoid becoming a victim of these heinous crimes.



February 1st



Many of you will have spotted one of **Challenge Wales'** stunning sailing vessels in the Channel, but who are the Crew and what's the purpose of them setting sail?

Hear about the aims, challenges and achievements of the Challenge Wales project as we get a glimpse behind the scenes...Find out more this evening!

February 8th

Forget 24 Hours in A&E!

Tonight, we have

"A day in the life of the *Mumbulance*" *

We are honoured to welcome two female ambulance drivers who, for an hour or so, will share reflections on some of their shift experiences whilst working collaboratively as a very close ambulance crew.



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Angie Dymott and Lynda Stephens have worked together for 16 years as para medics. In reflective conversation and sharing experiential narratives they will illuminate not only the challenges of the role but the enormous rewards too.

* "*Mumbulance*" is their nickname given by their colleagues at the Ambulance station!

February 15th **Do you want to grow herbs like the Basil on the left...
...not like the example below?**



How can you? Find out with 'Propagation of Herbs'

Learn from herb expert **Sarah Maurice, founder, in 1999, of 'HERBS IN WALES'**. From a small polytunnel, the company grew and had 1^{sts} & Best in Shows at RHS Cardiff with an invitation to show at RHS London. Sarah will talk about propagating, companion planting & how to design and structure a corner herb garden.

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