





You're invited to join us for  
***Barry Yacht Club's Winter Talks***  
Thursday evenings 20:00 (Bar open 17.00)

**January 8<sup>th</sup> The Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust**, a national charity that takes young people aged 8-24 who have been diagnosed with cancer, on sailing and outdoor adventures to inspire them to believe in a brighter future living through, and beyond their diagnosis. Through this, young people laugh, gain a new sense of purpose and self-worth, rediscover independence, and feel optimism for the future.

Hear about the charity's work from Janet, one of their valued volunteers. A collection will be in place if you would like to contribute to this important organisation.



**January 15<sup>th</sup>**

You may know our speaker this evening as she's an active Sea Rowing member at BYC.

Tonight, however, **Anna Snow** speaks to us in her professional role as **Medical Referral & Specialist Personal Trainer** as we learn about '**Women & Fitness: Peri-Menopause, Menopause & Beyond**'

**OPEN TO EVERYONE**- young, old, in-between, & any gender: basically, anyone who wants to understand more! So please come along!



**Please note that the talks on January 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> may swap dates.**

## **January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

### **Space Innovation study centre on our doorstep...**

A potential Earth and Space Innovation Hub at Aberthaw has been the subject of a feasibility study during this year's World Space Week. The premise is an opportunity for further development and innovation of space industries and technologies, supporting local and regional economies and skills development in lunar exploration topics.

The two-month feasibility study planned to assess whether the Pulverised Fuel Ash, (PFA) is a suitable material to create a lunar-simulated environment for testing Space-designed technologies and hardware.

This evening, a representative from the project will tell us more....



## **January 29<sup>th</sup>**

### **Barry Island and its Bats**



Did you know that Jackson's Bay has a bat population as residents?

**Isabelle Walker** has been studying them here at Barry Yacht Club and would love to share with us her passion and knowledge of this often-misunderstood mammal.

As a student of Animal Care at Pencoed College, Issy has spent many evenings counting the bats and has managed to capture audio recordings of how they sound. So be sure not to

miss learning why bats are so important and many other facts about our neighbours.



## February 5<sup>th</sup> 'The Lost Towns of Glamorgan'

Following on from his popular annual tour, Vale of Glamorgan author & historian **Graham Loveluck-Edwards** has kindly agreed to speak to us this evening. Prolific author of several books on local history, Graham writes regular history columns for the Glamorgan Star newspaper and the Buddy magazine, publishes YouTube videos on Vale of Glamorgan history and hosts the regular Bro Radio local history show "History on your Doorstep"

Make sure you have a seat for what promises to be an entertaining, informative talk.



## February 12<sup>th</sup> 'Diving in Darkness - exploring submerged caves'

You won't be able to recognise the person in this photograph, so you may be surprised to learn that it's our own BYC member, **Phil Dotchon**



Phil is an experienced open-water diver who was drawn into the world of exploration cave diving, becoming part of a UK team that travelled to places like Mexico, Brazil, Australia, Italy and Ireland. As team leader, Phil is a renowned underground explorer, writer and photographer and tonight he will share some of the images captured in these fascinating places.



**February 19<sup>th</sup>  
Diamonds are  
Forever...**

Tonight, another  
BYC member,  
diver of a  
different kind,



**Roger Gilmore**, tells us about his experience and, no doubt, escapades, throughout his career as a **DIAMOND DIVER!**  
**Roger has said that he'll bring along a bag of diamonds...so be sure to be here tonight, be entertained and find out if he keeps his promise...**



**February 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Flat Holm** has a unique island character, with a sense of wilderness, remoteness and isolation, as well as extensive views from, and across the island to the coasts of England and Wales. Less than half a mile wide, the tiny island is an intriguing hidden jewel in the Bristol Channel.

Designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest and Local Nature Reserve, the Flat Holm Project conserves the island's natural and cultural features, from maritime grassland to Victorian barracks, from seabird colonies to wartime bunkers.

Welcome back **Bridget Box** who has volunteered for many years with the project and can bring this jewel that we see from a distance into our hands...

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Many thanks to all the speakers who have kindly given their time to Barry Yacht Club's Winter Talks. The talks are a long-standing tradition in our club and it's interesting to look back at previous programmes and see that over the years, the talk subjects have become more diverse as we have a wider membership to entertain on these winter Thursday evenings.

Thank you to all those members and guests who have supported the talks and helped keep the club tradition.

*Jennifer Haig-Harrison*

