

Welcome to AOG 2019 at Swansea, and thank you for your booking! This year the AOG is Friday 26 to Monday 29 July. These are your Joining Instructions. Please forward them to anyone else you have booked AOG tickets for, as they will not receive them automatically.

### **Checking-in to University accommodation**

If you are staying on campus, please go directly to The Residence Reception Desk, after 2.00pm, in Preseli Building (number 20 on the campus map) to collect your key. Here is more information and a map if you are staying in the University accommodation:

<https://www.goc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Joining-Instructions-GO.pdf>

If you arrive between 2pm and 6pm Jim Armitage & Trevor Birchall will be there to give you the ticket for any meals you've booked. (People not staying at the University should collect their tickets from the Welcome Desk - see below)

Although the reception desk is staffed around the clock, please ring the University office (01792 295665) during working hours if you think you will be arriving during unsociable hours.

### **Public Transport**

If you are arriving at the train station, the number 4 bus runs every 10 minutes on weekdays from just outside and goes via the bus station on route to the University. From the bus station there are the following additional services: 2a, 3a, 14 and uni-bus 8.

Bus passes issued in other parts of the UK are not valid in Wales, but it may still be worth showing it when you buy your ticket as they sometimes give a discount.

As in other years Bill Fuller is prepared to pick up members from the rail & bus stations (at no charge) in his camper van. Bill will have arrived several days before and will have a good idea where to pick you up & what part of the University site you will be staying. If you would like Bill to meet you please contact him directly, the earlier the better, preferably by text or email. He will probably advise you that certain other members are arriving at that time. Please DO NOT expect a reply to any phone messages.

Bill Fuller: 07769702338  
[billfuller.wantage@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:billfuller.wantage@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Car parking**

If you are staying on campus, please ask Jim or Trevor for a parking pass when you collect your keys. You also need to ask the Residence Reception Desk to validate the permit as they will require your car registration.

If you not staying on campus, there is some pay and display parking (free at weekends) just inside the campus entrance, but these may be full during weekdays. There is more public parking at the Recreation Ground, Mumbles Road, Brynmill, SA2 0AT. It is an 11 minute walk from there to Fulton House, where the GOC Welcome Desk desk will be. On Friday evening after 6.50pm and also for the whole of Saturday and Sunday there should be additional free parking in the two car parks behind the Digital Technium building, building 24 on campus map (see link next page)

which is next door and to the East of Fulton House <https://www.goc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/map-of-campus-and-info-jim.pdf> Please do not park there at other times without a permit or your car is likely to be clamped.

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### **Welcome Desk**

The GOC Welcome Desk will be in Fulton House and will be open between 3.00pm and 6.00pm on Friday. Here you can meet other members and collect the ticket for the items you've booked. Please keep your ticket for the whole weekend and bring it with you to each of the meals or to collect packed lunches you've paid for. If you forget to bring it, there may be a long wait as we will give first admission to those who have their ticket.

If you can't get to the Welcome Desk, please contact Jim or another GOC officer who will bring any uncollected tickets to each of the evening meals. You can also contact Jim on 07980 993412 - but please text him rather than phone as he is likely to be busy.

Please note, this year you will not be able to sign up for walks at the Welcome Desk, although information about the events will be displayed there.

### **Cycle Storage**

There are bicycle huts outside the Penmaen student accommodation building, which is the second building behind Fulton House. You will need an access code from the Residence Reception Desk in Preseli Building (number 20 on the campus map). These are only available to members staying on campus.

### **Meals and Packed Lunches**

Breakfasts and evening meals will be served in the Refectory in Fulton House, the same building as the Welcome Desk. Packed lunches, for those who have ordered them, will be available for collection from the dining room from 8.00am to 8.50am. Please note that only a small number of members have indicated they are vegetarian, so please do not take a vegetarian meal or packed lunch unless you have requested one. During evening meals, there will be a cash bar above the dining room.

### **Equipment for walks**

Walking boots, waterproof jacket and trousers, warm clothing, sun-hat. Trekking poles are recommended if normally used. In addition, please bring sunscreen and plenty of water. Please choose events that will not overstretch you.

### **Outdoor Activities**

Most of the outdoor activities are starting from University just outside Fulton House at 9.30am but some are starting earlier so please check the individual walk details.

If you are staying off-campus, please come to the university and travel to the start of your activity with the other participants, so that we can share cars as much as possible. Members who live locally might wish to travel directly, but if that applies to you, please make sure that you inform the walk leader in advance.

### **Shopping**

There is a shop on the campus which we have arranged to be open from 8am each day, so if you are looking to buy food to take out with you on a walk or cycle ride,

you may want to make this your first point of call. There are other shops in the town centre, a short drive away.

### **Evening Entertainment**

We have the use of the bar above the refectory from 5.30pm to 11.00pm from Friday to Sunday. This is where the quiz will take place on Sunday evening. The bar and refectory are located within Fulton House

### **Annual General Meeting**

The AOG will take place in the Faraday Lecture Theatre at 6.00pm on Saturday 27th July. The lecture theatre is located in the Faraday Building, which is the building on the left as you come out of the main entrance to Fulton House.

### **Group Coordinators' Rap Session**

The group coordinators' rap session will take place in Room West, in Fulton House, beginning at 6.00pm on Friday 26th July.

### **Wi-Fi**

For members staying on campus, instructions on using the University's Wi-fi network will be available at registration.

### **Departure**

Rooms must be vacated and keys returned to where you collected them (Residence Reception Desk in Preseli Building) by 10.00am on your day of departure. If you are leaving on Sunday 28th July, you will need to check out of your room before going out on the day's activity. This year, we regret we do not have access to a luggage store-room.

And finally, an appeal. At meal times, you may be sitting with a group of friends. However, some people that you don't know are at the same table. Please remember that this might be their first AOG, or they might be on their own, so **please** try to include them in the conversation. We pride ourselves on being welcoming and inclusive. Let us all try to make that a reality.

A timetable of events is set out below and we wish you a most enjoyable AOG!  
Best wishes

Peter, Al, Jim, Trevor, Neil and the rest of the AOG team.

**Please remember! All room keys to be handed in to The Residence Reception Desk in Preseli Building by 10.00 am on your day of departure!**

**AOG 2019 TIMETABLE OF EVENTS (see next page)**

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### **Friday 26th July**

2.00pm onward      Check in for residential guests - Reception desk in Preseli Building  
3.00pm — 6.00pm      Welcome Desk, Main Reception, Fulton House  
5.30pm — 11.00pm      Bar open Fulton House  
6.00pm — 7.00pm      Group Coordinators' Rap Session, Room West, Fulton House  
7.00pm — 8.00pm      Evening Meal Refectory, Fulton House  
8.00pm — 9.00pm      Surprise Guest (in Refectory)

### **Saturday 27th July**

7.30am — 9.00am      Breakfast, Refectory, Fulton House  
8.00am — 8.50am      Packed lunches available Refectory, Fulton House  
9.00am onward -      Walks and other activities  
5.30pm — 11.00pm      Bar open Fulton House  
6.00pm — 6.45pm      **AGM.** Faraday Lecture Theatre, Faraday Building  
<https://www.goc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/AGM-2019-Agenda.pdf>  
6.45pm — 6.55pm      Board meeting Lecture Theatre  
7.00pm — 8.00pm      AOG Dinner, Refectory, Fulton House  
8.30pm — 11.30pm      AOG Disco (in Refectory)

### **Sunday 28th July**

7.30am — 9.00am      Breakfast, Refectory, Fulton House  
8.00am — 8.50am      Packed lunches available Dining Room  
9.00am onward -      Walks and other activities  
5.30pm — 11.00pm      Bar open Fulton House  
7.00pm — 8.00pm      Evening Meal Dining Room  
8.00pm — 10.00pm      AOG Quiz

### **Monday 29th July**

7.30am — 9.00am      Breakfast, Refectory, Fulton House