

Swindon U3A

What's On

December 2018

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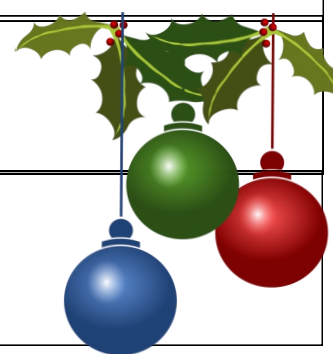
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Welcome to the monthly What's On information sheet.

[What's On cut-off date](#) - 11/12/2018 for the January 2019 What's On.

The Newsletter and What's On teams wish all members a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.



Swindon U3A Office closure over Christmas

The office will be closed on Mon. 24th Dec., Wed 26th Dec.,
Fri. 28th Dec. and Mon. 31st Dec.

Monday 10 th December	Monthly Meeting at the Ellendune Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton SN4 9LW, 2.15pm to 3.30pm. A Christmas Entertainment. Musical entertainment from U3A groups, with a seasonal flavour, tea and mince pies.
Tuesday 11 th December	New Creative Writing Group based in Chiseldon, meeting from 9.30am – 12 noon lead by Joy Wodhams . Please contact Joy by clicking on her name. Please note the date has been changed for the December meeting.
Wednesday 12 th December	Swindon Film Society at the Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Swindon and start at 7.45pm. 'Sanctuary' (Ireland, 2016). See www.swindonfilm.org.uk

Monday 14 th January	Monthly Meeting at the Ellendune Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton SN4 9LW, 2.15pm to 3.30pm. "An illustrated history of Old Town."
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Monday 14 th January	<p>Travel Study Group C & G day visit to the National Space Centre in Leicester. On arrival there will be plenty of free time to explore the centre and in the afternoon a Planetarium show "We Are Stars".</p> <p>Departure times and pick-up points: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.00am Ashington Way, West Swindon 8.20am Ellendune, Wroughton 8.40am outside Matalan, Greenbridge <p>4.00pm Depart for Swindon.</p> <p>Cost £26 pp includes coach, Space Centre entry, Planetarium show and driver's gratuity.</p> <p>All members welcome.</p> <p>Contact: Bill Mead by clicking on his name.</p> <p>Refunds are not made after 7 days prior to trip.</p>
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Calling all scribblers! There are already two excellent U3A writing groups, one in Liden the other in Chiseldon.

Would there be any interest in forming a third group at the opposite side of Swindon in the Haydon Wick area?

The venue and day/time are yet to be decided, dependent on the response, but it would be a monthly meeting. All would be welcome, whatever your writing interests and experience. If you are interested please contact **Nicola Moon** by clicking on her name.

The Wednesday morning U3A Badminton group is becoming increasingly popular – it provides exercise in a social environment for players of mixed abilities – so we are hoping to start a new group on Friday afternoons between 2pm and 4pm at the Haydon Centre.

If you are not already a playing member of U3A Badminton or on the waiting list we would love to hear from you if you would like to play on Fridays.

Please email the group organisers via the U3A web site.

<p>Wednesday 23rd January 2019</p>	<p>U3A Concert Goers visit the Anvil, Basingstoke for a concert given by The Philharmonia Orchestra, conducted by Santtu Matias Rouvali, and the pianist Alice Sara Ott. The concert will start at 7.45pm and will be preceded by a free talk about the programme at 6.30pm.</p> <p>The programme will be:</p> <p>Sibelius: Finlandia</p> <p>Ravel: Piano Concerto in G</p> <p>Sibelius: Valse Triste</p> <p>Sibelius: Symphony No. 1</p> <p>Tickets (including coach travel) cost £53.</p> <p>Departure times, around 4.30 - 5.00pm (final details to be advised) from the following pick-up points: -</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Downsview Road/Marlborough Road Junction</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Bus Station</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Ashington Way, West Swindon</p> <p>Queries: contact Nina Stimson by clicking on her name.</p> <p>Maximum cost £53.00 (based on 30 seats sold) includes concert ticket, coach and driver's gratuity.</p> <p>Please send a cheque, payable to Swindon U3A, for £53.00 with your completed reply slip (available in the December Newsletter), or just the information if you don't have access to a printer, to Cindy Matthews by Friday 7th December. Contact Cindy for the details by clicking on her name.</p>
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<p>Media Group I am interested in setting up a new group to be called "Media Group" which will cover the following subjects:- Videography, Photography, and Audio.</p> <p>The subject level will suit both starter & experienced members and a very comprehensive range of equipment will be available for participants to enjoy at a venue on Cheney Manor Trading Estate.</p> <p>Swindon U3A members who are interested in joining this exciting new group are invited to contact John Flanagan by clicking on his name.</p> <p>Due to equipment and space limitations at the venue the group will be limited to eleven members.</p>
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Saturday 23rd
February 2019

Lecture at Coleview Community Centre at 11.00am. Professor Peter Childs from the Dyson School of Design Engineering, Imperial College London will be giving a lecture to Swindon U3A members on Robotics and how it will change the way we live in the near future.

Topics he will address will include,

- Do robots have to mean a reduction in jobs?
- Can robots and humans work together?
- Can robots enhance the energy efficiency of our homes?
- How do robots support healthcare?

The lecture will last about 45 minutes and will be followed by an opportunity for discussion.

We hope to see you there.

Tuesday 5th
March 2019

Thames Valley Network "The Drama of Dunkirk" Study Day at The River & Rowing Museum, Henley-on-Thames, RG9 1BF.

Fee £15:00 to TVN members, £17:00 for non TVN members.

The fee includes the use of the Thames Room all day for a full programme of talks; free parking on site; free entry to the Museum (normal entry fee £10) and refreshments on arrival. It does NOT include lunch. A long lunch hour is built in to the programme to enable participants to explore the Museum, enjoy a picnic lunch by the river or take a meal in the Museum restaurant or in one of the local pubs.

Further information from Mrs PA Thornton, 6 Highway, Crowthorne, Berks, RG45 6HE, Tel: 01344 774812.

For an application form please see the December edition of the Swindon U3A Newsletter.



"To live will be an awfully big adventure."

Peter Pan