

Swindon U3A

What's On

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Welcome to the monthly What's On information sheet.

What's On cut-off dates - 14/02/2019 March What's On.

Monday 11th February	Monthly Meeting at the Ellendune Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton SN4 9LW, 2.15pm to 3.30pm. "A Room with a View". Gillian Monk, formerly of Havelock Street, will tell us all about your eyes, and how to look after them properly and why they need to be regularly checked.
Wednesday 13th February	Swindon Film Society at the Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Swindon and start at 7.45pm. "Mountains May Depart" (China) . See www.swindonfilm.org.uk
Thursday 21st February	Travel Study Group J day visit to the Museum of London. The Museum of London documents the history of London from prehistoric to modern times. Departure times and pick-up points: - 8.00am Ellendune, Wroughton 8.10am Marriott / Piper's Way Roundabout (Bus Stop outside Intel) 8.15am Coate Water bus stop (opposite Sun PH) 4.00pm Depart for Swindon. Cost: £20 pp includes coach and driver's gratuity. Entry to the Museum is free. Catering: The museum has two cafés and a restaurant. There is also a Lunch Hall where visitors can enjoy their own packed lunch. Any members wishing to have a day in London without visiting the Museum are welcome. The Barbican and St Paul's Cathedral are a five minute walk from the museum. Contact Ken Ivie by clicking on his name.

<p>Saturday 23rd February</p>	<p>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,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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? <p>The lecture will last about 45 minutes and will be followed by an opportunity for discussion. We hope to see you there.</p>
<p>Thursday 26th February</p>	<p>Travel Study Group C & G visit to Coventry. We will be dropped off and picked up at the Coventry Transport Museum which has free entry. Within easy walking distance you will find lots of places of interest where entry is also free. These include: the Herbert Art Gallery, the Old and New Cathedrals, the Guild Hall, the Lady Godiva Statue, the Peeping Tom Mechanical Clock, the Shopping Precinct and many places to eat. A guided tour of The Holy Trinity Church has been arranged for 2.45pm with the opportunity to see the recently discovered Medieval Doom Painting of the Last Judgement.</p> <p>Departure times and pick-up points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.15am Ellendune Centre, Wroughton 8.30am Ashington Way, West Swindon 8.45am Matalan, Greenbridge. 2.45pm Guided tour of the Holy Trinity Church. 4.00pm Depart for Swindon <p>Cost £20pp includes coach, donation to Holy Trinity Church for the guided tour and driver's gratuity. All members welcome.</p> <p>Contact Sylvia Blacklock by clicking on her name to reserve a place.</p>

<p>Tuesday 5th March</p>	<p>Thames Valley Network "The Drama of Dunkirk" Study Day at The River & Rowing Museum, Henley-on-Thames, RG9 1BF.</p> <p>Fee: £15.00 to TVN members. £17.00 for non TVN members.</p> <p>Further information from Mrs PA Thornton, 6 Highway, Crowthorne, Berks, RG45 6HE, Tel: 01344 774812.</p> <p>For an application form and more details please see the December edition of the Swindon U3A Newsletter.</p>
<p>Monday 11th March</p>	<p>Monthly Meeting at the Ellendune Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton SN4 9LW, 2.15pm to 3.30pm.</p> <p>"The Motor Trade 1950 -1980", an illustrated talk by Alan Nix on the way in which the development of cars altered our social habits, combining interesting local pictures of the 1950-80 period covered.</p>
<p>Monday 25th March</p>	<p>Mamma Mia Sing-a-long! at 2pm at Lawn Community Centre, Guildford Avenue Swindon SN3 1JL.</p> <p>A new singing opportunity this year for everyone. The first Mamma Mia film will be screened in March. This is a real feel-good film, as you'll know if you've already seen it, or will soon discover if you haven't! We've purchased the Sing-a-long version so you don't need to know the words but we're sure you will already know the tunes!</p> <p>~ Tea and cakes will be served during the interval ~</p> <p>This is a trial which we hope you will enjoy and if popular we will repeat in the future, possibly at different venues and if there's enough demand then we may also screen plays, opera, ballet or anything else members would like to see.</p> <p>Please let us know if you are planning to attend, as there will be an overall limit on numbers.</p> <p>Please contact Margaret Goldie or Martin Preston by clicking on one of their names.</p>

<p>Tuesday 2nd April</p>	<p>Royal British Legion (Wroughton) Visit to National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas, near Lichfield, Shropshire. For full details please see the February 2019 Newsletter. Departure times and pick-up points: - 8.30am Ellendune, Wroughton 8.45am Coate Water bus stop (opposite Sun PH) 4.00pm Depart for Swindon. Cost: £21 pp includes coach and driver's gratuity. Contact Ken Ivie by clicking on his name.</p>
<p>Thursday 4th April</p>	<p>Travel Study Group J day visit to Oxford. After coffee and biscuits there will be a morning guided tour entitled "In the Steps of Inspector Morse" followed by free time to explore Oxford at your leisure. Cost: approximately £27 pp Further details will appear in the February Newsletter. Enquiries to Peter & Barbara Davidson on 520595.</p>
<p>Monday 8th April</p>	<p>Monthly Meeting at the Ellendune Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton SN4 9LW, 2.15pm to 3.30pm. "My Journey to the Weakest Link" by Linda Dowsett. The personal experience of a contestant appearing on "The Weakest Link", how a TV programme is made and how "mean" is Anne Robinson in reality.</p>
<p>Wednesday 12th April</p>	<p>U3A Concert Goers visit the Bristol Hippodrome for a performance of Welsh National Opera's critically acclaimed production of Gaetano Donizetti's tragic opera, Roberto Devereux. The cost, including coach travel, will be £44.00 pp Please contact Cindy Matthews or Nina Stimson by clicking on one of their names. For full details please see February 2019 Newsletter</p>

**"The true meaning of life is to plant trees,
under whose shade you do not expect to sit."**

Nelson Henderson