

Swindon U3A

What's On

March 2018

Welcome to the monthly What's On information sheet of upcoming events.

The cut-off date for the April Newsletter is 7th March and for the April What's On is 12th March.

Saturday 10th March

New Members Meeting at Lawn Community Centre 9.30am to 12.00pm. New members are invited to come along to meet other new members, hear from the committee and have an opportunity to ask questions about your U3A and its many groups. There will be an IT drop in service with one to one support for any new technology issues. Hot drinks and biscuits will be served from 9.30am and the meeting will start at 10am. Adele Merrison (New Members Representative)

Monday 12th March

Monthly Meeting at the Ellendune Centre 2.15pm includes a talk on "The Queens Bodyguard of the Yeoman of the Guard".

Thursday 5th April

Travel Group J visit to historic Portsmouth. For departure times and pick-up points see February Newsletter. **Cost £18** per person includes the coach and gratuities. All members and friends welcome.

Contact [Jayne Bellamy](#) by clicking on her name.

Monday 9th April

Monthly Meeting at the Ellendune Centre 2.15pm includes a talk on "The Life and Songs of George Formby".

Tuesday 10th April (New)

Travel Study Groups C & G visit to Richard III Visitor Centre and Leicester Cathedral. Explore the exhibition Dynasty, Death and Discovery to learn about the last English king to die in battle. Also included is a 30-minute guided tour of the Cathedral focusing on Richard III. Departure times and pickup points: - 7.00am Matalan, Greenbridge; 7.15am Ellendune Centre, Wroughton; 7.30am Ashington Way, West Swindon. Depart for Swindon 4.00pm. Cost £29 includes tea and biscuits on arrival, entry fee, coach and driver's gratuity. All members welcome. Contact [Mary Morgan](#) by clicking on her name.

Tuesday 10th April (New)

Travel Groups B & D visit to Hereford and Hereford Cathedral. Departure times and pickup points: - 8.00am Highworth; 8.15am Marlborough Road; 8.30am Ashington Way; 8.45am Bus Station; 9.00am Gorse Hill. Depart for Swindon at 4.30pm. There will be a Guided Tour of Hereford at 11am and a Guided Tour of Hereford Cathedral at 2pm. See the Weeping Window. Members can then visit the Mappa Mundi & Chained Library Exhibition if they wish. Cost £26. Contact [Margaret Thomas](#) by clicking on her name.

Thursday 12th April

Concert Goers Group visit to the Colston Hall, Bristol for Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Concert is full, but enquiries to go on a waiting list would be welcomed in case people drop out. Contact [Nina Stimson](#) by clicking her name.

Thursday 12th April

Aviation Group visit to Imperial War Museum, Duxford. Historic airfield and museum of aviation history. See February Newsletter for further information. Contact [Ken Ivie](#) by clicking on his name.

Looking further ahead

Tuesday 1st May

Gardening Group visit to Kew Gardens. Cost £28pp includes entrance to Kew Gardens, coach and driver's gratuity. All members welcome. See February Newsletter for further information. Contact [Jeanie Dickie](#) by clicking on her name.

Sunday 13th to Thursday 17th May

Travel Group J & Aviation Group 5 days visit to the delights & heritage of Suffolk. See February Newsletter for further information. Contact [Ken Ivie](#) by clicking on his name.

Thursday 17th May (New)

Travel Group J visit to Malvern and Croome National Trust; Mansion House, RAF Defford Visitors Centre and Museum, Croome park and walled gardens. (Free to National Trust members). Departure times and pick up points: - 8.30am Ellendune; 8.45am Pipers Way; 8.50am Coate Water. Cost £16 to include coach and driver's gratuity. All members welcome. For further information contact [Jenny Bailey](#) by clicking on her name.

Monday 21st May (New)

Travel Study Group C & G visit to Kew Gardens. A day out with plenty of time to explore. Departure times and pick up points: - 8.00am Outside Matalan, Greenbridge; 8.20am Ellendune Centre, Wroughton; 8.40am Ashington Way, West Swindon. Depart for Swindon 4.30pm. Cost approximately £27 pp includes entry, coach and driver's gratuity. All members welcome. Contact [Bill Mead](#) by clicking on his name. Refunds are not made after 7 days prior to trip.

Thursday 31st May

Theatregoers Group visit to the musical Hairspray at the Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham, for a matinee performance. Cost £49 including transport. Payment as soon as possible. See February Newsletter for further information. Contact [Cherry Warr](#) by clicking on her name.

Monday 2nd July to Friday 6th July 2018

Travel Study Group G holiday to Liverpool. Hotel "Radisson Blu, Liverpool" 4 nights dinner bed and breakfast. Cost £374 (single room supplement £80) includes 2-hour sightseeing tour of Liverpool, 50-minute Mersey Cruise and admission to the Terracotta Warriors Exhibition. Contact [Sue York](#) by clicking on her name.

Notices

Proposed New Harmonica Group. Played in a group the result is quite spectacular. No experience required. Just a harmonica (okay, mouthorgan). Which if there isn't one at the back of a drawer somewhere at home, can be bought for less than a fiver. Anyone interested in joining this proposed new group please send contact details to [Kaitlin Gabriel](#) by clicking on her name.

U3A Dance Orchestra is looking for a Keyboard player and a Bass player. Our line-up is "Big Band Style" with trumpets, trombones, saxophones, guitar, bass, keyboard and percussion. Currently we have about 12 players plus 2 singers. We rehearse every Monday afternoon at the Western Community Centre. We play music for dancing including quicksteps, Latin and waltzes, but we also have a varied repertoire of pieces in different styles including jazz, swing, popular, arrangements of songs from the shows, etc. We do gigs around the town at community centres, for parties and celebrations, etc. Come and have a chat with our Musical Director and to observe / participate in one of our rehearsals. In the first-place contact [David Baker](#) by clicking on his name.

The secret of staying young is to live honestly,
eat slowly and lie about your age.
Lucille Ball