

# Swindon U3A What's On

April 2018



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

<b>The cut-off dates are - 16/04/2018 for the May What's On, 09/05/2018 for the June Newsletter and 14/05/2018 for the June What's On</b>	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Travel Group J</b> visit to historic Portsmouth. See February Newsletter for further information. <b>Cost £18</b> per person includes the coach and gratuities. All members and friends welcome. Contact <a href="#">Jayne Bellamy</a> by clicking her name.
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Monthly Meeting</b> at the Ellendune Centre 2.15pm includes "The Life and Songs of George Formby", with Matthew Sprotson. A talk about George Formby's interesting life story and career, interspersed with about 8 of his well-known songs performed on the speaker's banjo-ukulele.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Travel Study Groups C &amp; G</b> visit to Richard III Visitor Centre and Leicester Cathedral. See March What's On for further information. Cost £29 includes tea and biscuits on arrival, entry fee, coach and driver's gratuity. All members welcome. Contact <a href="#">Mary Morgan</a> by clicking her name.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Travel Groups B &amp; D</b> visit to Hereford and Hereford Cathedral. See April Newsletter for further information. Cost £26. Contact <a href="#">Margaret Thomas</a> by clicking her name.

Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Aviation Group</b> visit to Imperial War Museum, Duxford. Historic airfield and museum of aviation history. See February Newsletter for further information. Contact <a href="#">Ken Ivie</a> by clicking his name.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> April (New)	<b>The Friday walking group</b> will be walking from Wookey Hole through the National Trust site and the Ebbor Gorge. Coach will leave Swindon around 8.30am and expects to be back by 5.00pm. Cost between £15 - £18 depending on numbers. <b>Don't fancy walking</b> – why not take the opportunity to visit the Wookey Holes attractions or the nearby cathedral city of Wells. Contact <a href="mailto:walks.fri@swindonu3a.org.uk">walks.fri@swindonu3a.org.uk</a>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Gardening Group</b> visit to Kew Gardens. See February Newsletter for further information. Cost £28pp includes entrance to Kew Gardens, coach and driver's gratuity. All members welcome. Contact <a href="#">Jeanie Dickie</a> by clicking her name.
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Spanish Dance Group.</b> New beginners course starts (time and venue to be advised). For more details contact <a href="#">Lin Craig</a> by clicking her name.
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Travel Group J &amp; Aviation Group</b> 5 days visit to the delights & heritage of Suffolk. See February Newsletter for further information. Contact <a href="#">Ken Ivie</a> by clicking his name.
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Travel Group J</b> visit to Malvern and Croome National Trust Mansion House, RAF Defford Visitors Centre and Museum. See April Newsletter for further information. Cost £16 to include coach and driver's gratuity. All members welcome. Contact <a href="#">Jenny Bailey</a> by clicking her name.
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Travel Study Group C &amp; G</b> visit to Kew Gardens. See April Newsletter for further information. Cost approximately £27 pp includes entry, coach and driver's gratuity. All members welcome. Contact <a href="#">Bill Mead</a> by clicking his name. Refunds are not made after 7 days prior to trip.

<p>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May</p>	<p><b>Theatregoers Group</b> visit the Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham, for a matinee performance of Hairspray. See February Newsletter for further information or contact <a href="#">Cherry Warr</a> by clicking her name.</p>
<p><b>Looking further ahead</b></p>	
<p>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June (New)</p>	<p><b>Concert Goers Group</b> invite you to The Anvil, Basingstoke. Concert at 7.45 pm, pre-concert talk at 6.30pm. Würth Philharmonic Orchestra presents Strauss II – Overture: Die Fledermaus; Bruch – Violin Concerto no. 1; Saint-Saëns – Introduction and rondo capriccioso; Shostakovich – Symphony no.10. Departure Times and pick-up points: - 4.30pm Downsvie Rd/Marlborough Road Junction; 4.45pm Bus Station; 5.00pm Ashington Way bus stop. Cost £35 (this is based on 40 people attending) includes ticket, coach and driver’s gratuity. Payment required by 16<sup>th</sup> April, see April Newsletter for booking form and payment details. Contact <a href="#">Nina Stimson</a> by clicking her name.</p>
<p>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018</p>	<p><b>Travel Study Group G</b> 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 <a href="#">Sue York</a> by clicking her name.</p>
<p><b>Notices</b></p>	
<p><b>New Group - Uke n’sing</b> We are starting a new ‘intermediate’ ukulele group, Uke n’sing! Open to any players who know the main chords and have some experience of playing. See April Newsletter regarding more information about the planned new group. Plan is to meet on alternate Wednesday afternoons – time to be agreed with the group – start date and venue are also to be decided. If you’d like to be in at the start of a new uke group and help to shape it, and/or want any further information do please get in touch with <a href="#">Gerry and Adele</a> by clicking their names.</p>	

**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 her name.

**The U3A Dance Orchestra** is looking for Keyboard, Bass, trombone players and baritone. See the April Newsletter for information regarding the Dance Orchestra who do gigs around the town at community centres, for parties and celebrations, etc. If you are interested, in the first-place contact [David Baker](#) by clicking his name.

**New Group – Folk Music** proposed to play acoustic British Folk Music. Meeting fortnightly on Wednesdays 10am – 12pm. See April Newsletter for more details or contact [Stephen Nicholls](#) by clicking his name.

**Spanish Beginners.** There is demand for this new group but someone to help teach is required. See April Newsletter. Contact Viv [v.dipper@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:v.dipper@hotmail.co.uk)

You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives.

~**Clay P. Bedford**

learning is  
**NOT**  
a spectator  
sport.

so let's  
**PLAY!**