

Swindon U3A

What's On

June 2018



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

Future cut-off dates are - 11/06/2018 for the July What's On and 16/07/2018 for the August What's On.

Tuesday 5th June

Concert Goers Group 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. Cost £35 (this is based on 40 people attending) includes ticket, coach and driver's gratuity. Contact [Nina Stimson](#) by clicking her name.

Saturday 9th June

U3A Dance Orchestra - An afternoon with the U3A Dance Orchestra 2.30pm to 4.30pm at St. Peter's Hall (Penhill Drive). Ticket £4 (to include refreshments) are available from the Hall on Monday morning or by phoning 07759 699434. Everyone welcome!

Monday 11th June

Monthly Meeting at the Ellendune Centre 2.15pm. "Sevington Victorian School", with Dinah Starkey and Celia Jennings. The school is a perfectly preserved Victorian School room near Chippenham. Dinah and Celia will bring to life the story of the redoubtable Miss Squire, who ruled there for more than 60 years, and describe the experiences and reactions of the children who visit the school today.

Monday 18th June

Travel Group C & G visit to Swanage, including a ride on the Swanage Steam Railway. See June Newsletter for further information. Contact [Bill Mead](#) by clicking on his name.

Looking further ahead

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.

Tuesday 6th August (6 days) 2019

Travel Group C – Holiday to Jersey and the Battle of Flowers 2019. The group are organising a six-day holiday from 6th August 2019 staying at the Mayfair Hotel, St Helier. Approximate cost will be £550.

If you are interested and would like more details when available please contact [Mary Morgan](#) by clicking on her name.

Notices

New Group - Uke n'sing! A new 'intermediate' ukulele group. Open to any players who know the main chords and have some experience of playing. 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 and help to shape it, and/or want any further information do please get in touch with [Gerry and Adele](#) by clicking on their names.

The new Harmonica Group will be meeting fortnightly from now on, between 6 and 8pm at the Immanuel Church, Upham Road. Dates are: 6th & 20th of June ... and so on! You don't have to read music, just enjoy playing it. Buy a cheap harmonica if you haven't already got one in a drawer at home or ask around and see what friends and family can produce. Contact [Kaitlin Gabriel](#) by clicking on her name.

New Group – Folk Music proposed to play acoustic British Folk Music. Meeting fortnightly on Wednesdays 10am – 12pm. See Contact [Stephen Nicholls](#) by clicking on his name.

U3A Summer Schools – This year there are two schools providing courses. Harper Adams University in Shropshire (23rd – 26th July) and Royal Agriculture University in Cirencester (11th – 14th Sept.). There is a wide range of subjects on offer including Opera, French, Cryptic Crosswords, Maths, Art Between the Wars, Musicals and writing a TV Soap! See website - <https://summer-schools.u3a.org.uk/> for more information about these courses or contact our local U3A Office.

Planned new Motorcycle Group. Is anyone interested in forming a motorcycle group with the aim of having regular ride-outs in a circular route if possible to events or places to visit. We would look to travel around 100 miles round trips setting off in the morning, stopping for lunch/coffee etc. then returning by a different route. Please get in touch with [Andrew Jarvis](#) by clicking on his name.

New group Chair Yoga. If your mobility is restricted, maybe up and down, to and fro, or the floor is very difficult, you might be interested in being part of a Chair Yoga group. If so, please get in touch with [Virginia Griffin](#) by clicking on her name.

PLEA

Our **Flower Class** is blooming well

With buds and leaves and sticks

Alas, we have no teacher

So, we're really in a fix

We have organisers on our team

Who gladly take the lead

`tis only a lovely flower teacher

Who is our greatest need

Every other Tuesday

10 am until noon

Is all we'll ever ask of you

Please answer us real soon

Ring 887413 or mob. 07742442236

Guide Dogs for the Blind request:

"We're on the hunt for a star, do you know them? Is it you?"

We're looking for a volunteer to raise a guide dog puppy for the first year. Join us for an amazing journey, learning new skills, being part of an incredible family and creating a life changing guide dog.

Please could you pass this message on to your members?

<https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/how-you-can-help/volunteering-for-guide-dogs/volunteer-role-descriptions/puppy-walker/>

For information call Hazel Kelly on 0118 983 8892 or email hazel.kelly@guidedogs.org.uk"

Non U3A group invite to Walking Netball This is a slowed down version of the game netball, designed for anyone looking to exercise in a relaxed, supportive and friendly environment. Sessions are £3 a go running 6 days a week. For more information contact Mo Squires telephone 423134 or email Maureen.Squires@gll.org

"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination."

Jimmy Dean

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

Francis of Assisi