

Swindon U3A

What's On

July 2018



Welcome to the monthly What's On information sheet.

What's On cut-off dates - 16/07/2018 for Aug. and 13/08/2018 for Sept.

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th July

Portable Appliance Testing of U3A equipment and equipment you may use at U3A meetings. Items for testing should be dropped off at the Office, Gorse Hill Community Centre on Monday 16th July, between 10:00am and 12:00pm or Tuesday 17th July, 10:00am and 12:00pm and 2:00pm and 5:00pm. If it is not possible to make the above, then items may be brought on testing day, after 09:30am. **It may not be possible to test them immediately**, so please do not expect that. **It is not necessary to book items beforehand** - just bring them along between the times mentioned.

Tested items may be collected Thursday 19th July, between 10:00am and 12:00pm or Friday 20th July, between 10:00am and 12:00pm and 2:00pm and 4:00pm.

Thursday 19th July

"How to Give a Presentation" A talk at The Ellendune Centre 2:00pm to 4:00pm. This talk is open to all members and will give you the skills and confidence you need to stand up in front of a group of people and talk about something that interests you. The techniques are explained in the first session and after a tea break you will learn the skills of preparing PowerPoint type presentations. Register on the website under "Activities" then "Swindon Courses & Events" or contact Bob Carvey 01793 526746 or email bob@carvey.org

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 phone [Mary Morgan](#) or [Sylvia Blacklock](#) by clicking on a name.

Wednesday 15th August

“SingAlongaSwindonU3A” at St Joseph’s College 10.00am until 2.30pm.

Lots of people have said how they miss the socialising of U3A during the “off season” when most groups have a break. We are therefore holding a social event, based on a wide selection of popular music led by various U3A musical groups.

There will be well known favourites from shows such as Oklahoma, Carousel, My Fair Lady, include favourites from Beatles, Cliff Richard, Elvis and lots more, including folk songs and who knows what else. Singing along will be simple as all the lyrics will be projected onto a big screen, with U3A group members giving the lead. You can come along whenever you like and stay for as long as you wish. Tea and coffee will be available and picnic lunches, snacks and other refreshments can be brought with you.

IF YOU ARE NOT A GOOD OR CONFIDENT SINGER, IT DOESN'T MATTER AT ALL. THE MAIN THING IS TO HAVE A GOOD NATTER, SING, SOCIALISE AND ABOVE ALL ENJOY GOOD COMPANY AND HAVE SOME FUN AND LAUGHTER!

Put the date in your diary.

Looking further ahead

Saturday 1st September

Swindon U3A Open Day 10.00am to 12.30pm at St Joseph's College, Ocotal Way.

Monday 10th September

Monthly Meeting at the Ellendune Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton SN4 9LW, 2.15pm to c 3.30pm. The talk by Roger Heafield is on "Wiltshire Air Ambulance", its work, volunteers and funding.

Monday 8th October

Monthly Meeting at the Ellendune Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton SN4 9LW, 2.15pm to approx. 3.30pm is the AGM. Followed by "Dressability". How to meet the challenge of dressing disabled and elderly people. Contributions of haberdashery and fabric welcomed at meeting.

Notices

Data Protection Officer (DPO)

Contact Sue Carvey can be contacted for enquiries related to DP issues for Swindon U3A. Contact Sue on email address sue@carvey.org or telephone 526746.

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.

Haberdashery wanted

Do you have any buttons, zips, thread, trimming, fasteners, or any other bits and pieces in your sewing box, that you no longer require? Why not have a clear out? Dressability will be giving a talk at the U3A AGM on 8th October and have asked for donations of such items, to assist in their work of adapting clothes for people with difficulty in dressing. There will be a collection point for these items at the AGM, so why not start your clear out now?

Useful pieces of material also required. If you cannot get to the AGM, please pass your bits and pieces to a member who will be attending or you can donate directly – call 01793 512878 for details. See website: Dressability.org.uk

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.

New Group – Folk Music

Proposed to play acoustic British Folk Music. Meeting fortnightly on Wednesdays 10am – 12pm.

Contact [Stephen Nicholls](#) by clicking on his name.

Non U3A event

2nd – 7th July Shakespeare Live at Cleeve House, Seend.

This year, the play is *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, a really funny comedy, celebrating our thirtieth year as a company. Of course, we are all volunteers, but the standards are very high and the whole experience, including the covered stand and the lovely grounds for picnics, brings our audience back year after year. Contact 07780 938107 or info at www.shakespearelive.com

Non U3A event

Walk for Parkinson's

This is taking place at Wilton House. You can choose from a 2, 3 or 6 mile routes and registration costs £10 for adults and £5 for under 16's. We then ask that you try to raise a minimum of £50. For more information, you can follow this link:

<https://www.parkinsons.org.uk/events/walk-parkinsons-wilton-house>

Contact Ruth Brady, Regional Fundraiser on 0344 225 9845 or mobile 07807 921530

Prejudice is a great time saver.

You can form opinions without having to get the facts.

E.B.White

An apple a day, if well aimed, keeps the doctors away.

P.G.Wodehouse

Help!

Unfortunately, our **What's On** editor is leaving us and we need a new one. Full training and assistance will be given to anyone willing to take on this role which will take up no more than 3 hours per month. Basic skills of using a word processing app are all that is required. Please contact Bob Carvey on 01793 526746 or email to bob@carvey.org