

Swindon U3A

What's On

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Newsletter and What's On cut-off dates - 13/08/2018 for the September What's On, 05/09/2018 for the October Newsletter and 10/09/2018 for the October What's On.

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!

Saturday 1st September

Swindon U3A Open Day 10:00am to 12:30pm at St Joseph's College, Ocotal Way. The Open Day allows prospective members to see what is on offer, and existing members to see what else they might like to try. It is a place where new groups are suggested and new ideas are born. Our U3A needs this time of regeneration. Most of the activities will have a 'stall' where you can see what they do and talk to existing members. Committee members will also be available to answer any questions on the U3A. Come and see us there.

Monday 10th September

Monthly Meeting at the Ellendune Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton SN4 9LW, 2:15pm to 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 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.

Tuesday 9th October

Travel Study Group C & G visit the Royal Albert Hall for The Grand Tour, which includes a fascinating journey into the Hall's rich history, astonishing architecture and legendary performances. Highlights include the Queen's Box, the Royal Retiring Room, the main auditorium and the Gallery. After the tour there will be free time to explore the local area.

Departure times and pick-up points: -

8:15am Matalan, Greenbridge

8:30am Ellendune Centre, Wroughton

8:45am Ashington Way, West Swindon

4:00pm Depart for Swindon. Cost £27 pp includes coffee and a Danish pastry on arrival, guided tour, coach and driver's gratuity. All members welcome.

Contact [Mary Morgan](#) by clicking on her name.

Friday 26th October

Aviation Group visit to The Helicopter Museum, Weston Super Mare & Aerospace Bristol / Concorde. The Helicopter Museum at Weston is the world's largest museum dedicated to helicopters and other forms of rotary aircraft. British types dominate but the museum also

houses an impressive array of helicopters from around the world. The visit to the recently opened Aerospace Bristol will take you on a journey from the beginnings of the British & Colonial Aeroplane Company, through to the modern day. Exhibits include aeroplanes, helicopters, missiles, satellites, engines and much more.

The centrepiece of our visit will be the iconic Concorde Alpha Foxtrot the last of the supersonic passenger jets to be built and the last to fly.

In the morning we will make our way to Weston Super Mare and spend approximately 3 hours at the helicopter museum. We will then journey to Filton and spend the afternoon visiting Catering facilities are available at both, however, due to ongoing building work only light snacks are available at the helicopter museum. A cafe with full catering facilities is available at Aerospace Bristol.

Departure Times and Pick up Points:

8:30am Ellendune Centre, Wroughton

8:40am Downes View/ Marlborough Road

8:45am Coate Water

4:30pm Depart for Swindon

Cost £30 per person which includes coach, entry to both museums with a guided tour of the helicopter museum and driver's gratuities. All members and friends welcome.

Contact [Ken Ivie](#) by clicking on his name.

Thursday 8th November

U3A Concert Trip to Birmingham Symphony Hall for Matinee performance of Symphonic Dances. Conductor Elim Chan. Featuring Dukas Sorcerer's Apprentice, Mozart Piano Concerto No 25 and Rachmaninov Symphonic Dances. Price £53.77 Contact [Helen Harris](#) by clicking on her name.

Notices

A huge thank you to Joan Carr who has done such a great job of editing the What's On. She is leaving Swindon and this is her last contribution. We will miss you Joan and good luck in your new home.

If anyone would like to help with editing the What's On in the future please contact bob@carvey.org 01793 526746

Swindon U3A Treasurer

Our current treasurer, John Edgerton, has decided to step down after the coming AGM. He has given selflessly of his time and effort for our organisation over many years and we owe him a big debt of gratitude for keeping our finances on the right track.

We are looking for a replacement who has some book keeping experience but not necessarily an accountant as our book keeping systems are not complicated. Anyone who volunteers to take on this role will receive plenty of training before being expected to take over fully.

If you feel that you might be able to fill this role please contact John Williams by email to chairman@swindonu3a.org.uk

U3A Summer Schools – Royal Agriculture University in Cirencester (11th – 14th Sept.). 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

The Swindon Home Library Service provides books for any people who enjoy reading but are unable for various reasons to visit the library in person. This service is provided by volunteers who choose the books and then deliver them on a regular basis. It is very rewarding to feel you are helping someone to continue the pleasure in reading.

Do you have any spare time? Would you consider becoming a volunteer with the library service? Training is given. If you are interested then contact Gilli Rawlings at North Swindon library or by email at GRawlings@swindon.gov.uk

The trouble with the world is that the stupid are
cocksure and the intelligent are full of doubt.

Bertrand Russell