

Swindon U3A

What's On

September 2018



Welcome to the monthly What's On information sheet

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

Monday 10 th 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.
Wednesday 12 th September	The Advanced French Group In spite of the fact that we did not appear in the 2018/19 Year Book we are still very much alive. We meet at the Lawn Centre, Guildford Avenue fortnightly on Wednesday mornings from 10am to 12 noon. We have some spaces. Contact the organiser Diana North by clicking on her name.
Monday 17 th September	The Arts Society, Kennet & Swindon lecture: "Treasures of the Black Tent - Antique tribal rugs and dowry weavings of the Persian and Central Asian nomads" by Brian Macdonald. At Ellendune Community Centre, Wroughton, SN4 9LW. Meet for coffee at 10:00am; talk starts at 11.00am. Full details on www.theartssocietykennet.org.uk or contact Judi Ferries on 840790 or ianferries@btinternet.com
Wednesday 19 th September	Swindon Film Society at the Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Swindon and start at 7.45pm. "Dheepan" (France) . See www.swindonfilm.org.uk .

<p>Saturday 22nd September</p>	<p>The Events Committee invite you to come along to a lecture at 11.00am to 12 noon on the topic of "The Future of Marriage" to be held at Immanuel UR Church on Upham Road.</p> <p>The speaker will be Paul Archer who is a solicitor and member of Swindon Philosophical Society. His lecture will last for approximately 45 minutes to be followed by refreshments and discussion/questions. For catering reasons it would be helpful if you would sign up on the website to let us know if you are coming.</p> <p>Paul Archer has provided these background notes:</p> <p>We have lived through an extraordinary collapse in lifelong marriage over a remarkably short period. Almost half of all children are born outside marriage. The Office for National Statistics estimates that the lifetime risk of divorce is 42% and cohabitation is much less stable. In the huge and reliable Millennium Cohort Survey, only 56% of all 11 year old children had continuously lived with two natural parents – this compares to 90% of 11 year old children in 1958.</p> <p>How did this happen? What does it mean for the welfare of children and adults? What, if anything, can be done?</p> <p>I want to reflect on these questions by looking at the broad historical background and the best available research.</p> <p>Please come along to share your thoughts and ideas on this fascinating topic!</p>
<p>Tuesday 2nd October</p>	<p>Swindon Seniors Forum AGM and Open Meeting (celebrating International Day of Older People) from 10.30am to 3.30pm at Pinetrees Community Centre, Pinehurst (parking is available).</p> <p>There will be a Guest Speaker on local bus transport, stalls and entertainment by U3A Merryfolk. Refreshments (buffet) provided at lunchtime. Attendance at the event is free, but registration is required by 24th September as we need to know numbers for lunch. Please phone 766338 for more information and to book your place.</p> <p>If you have difficulty getting to the meeting please contact us on 766338 by 24th September.</p>

<p>Monday 8th October</p>	<p>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.</p> <hr/> <p>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chairman's welcome 2. Apologies 3. Minutes of the AGM held on 9th October 2017 4. Matters Arising 5. Chairman's Report 6. Treasurer's Report and Approval of Accounts for 2017-18 7. Proposed changes to the Constitution of Swindon U3A in line with changes required by the Third Age Trust, and as previously notified to members during 2018 8. Election of the Committee 9. Motions to the AGM 10. Any Other Business
<p>Tuesday 9th October</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Departure times and pick-up points: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.15am Matalan, Greenbridge 8.30am Ellendune Centre, Wroughton 8.45am Ashington Way, West Swindon <p>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.</p> <p>Contact Mary Morgan by clicking on her name.</p>

Monday 15 th October	The Arts Society, Kennet & Swindon lecture: "Worcester Porcelain Factory 1750-1900" by Diana Lloyd at Ellendune Community Centre, Wroughton, SN4 9LW. Meet for coffee at 10.00am; talk starts at 11.00am. Full details on www.theartssocietykennet.org.uk or contact Judi Ferries on 840790 or ianferries@btinternet.com
Thursday 18 th October	Travel Study Group J day visit to Abergavenny with time to explore the town, the museum and the castle ruins. Departure times and pick-up points: - 8.30am: Ellendune Centre, Wroughton 8.45am: Pipers Way 8.45am: Coate 1.30pm: meet at St Mary's Priory Church for a tour of the church and the Tithe Barn (which houses the Abergavenny Tapestry) 4.00pm Depart for Swindon. Cost £24 pp includes cost of guided tours, coach fare and driver's gratuity. All members welcome. Contact Bob or Isabel Habgood by clicking their names.
Friday 26 th October	Aviation Group visit to The Helicopter Museum, Weston-super-Mare & Aerospace Bristol / Concorde . For full details please see the August edition of What's On. Contact Ken Ivie by clicking on his name.
Thursday 8 th 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 pp. Contact Helen Harris by clicking on her name.

A New Writers Group

Swindon U3A already has a thriving Creative Writing Group, so is there scope for another? New member Joy Wodhams, who already runs a private evening Writing Group, would like to start a second group for U3A members only. This would be an afternoon group, meeting once monthly in Chiseldon, initially at her home. The venue is two minutes from J15 of the M4 and has plenty of parking.

Joy is the author of twelve published books and has taught many Creative Writing workshops over the years. Contact Joy by email to wjoycolin@gmail.com

Never regret anything that made you smile.

Mark Twain