

# Swindon U3A

## What's On



### Welcome to the monthly What's On information sheet

**Cut off dates:** What's On November is 15th October, What's On December is 12th November and the Newsletter for December is 7th November.

<p>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</p>	<p><b>Swindon Film Society</b> at the Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Swindon and start at 7.45pm. 'Hotel Salvation' (India) . See <a href="http://www.swindonfilm.org.uk">www.swindonfilm.org.uk</a></p>
<p>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October</p>	<p><b>Monthly Meeting</b> 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> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b> <b>Agenda</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chairman's welcome</li> <li>2. Apologies</li> <li>3. Minutes of the AGM held on 9th October 2017</li> <li>4. Matters Arising</li> <li>5. Chairman's Report</li> <li>6. Treasurer's Report and Approval of Accounts for 2017-18</li> <li>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.</li> <li>8. Election of the Committee</li> <li>9. Motions to the AGM</li> <li>10. Any Other Business</li> </ol>

<p>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</p>	<p><b>Travel Study Group C &amp; G</b> 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"> <li>8.15am Matalan, Greenbridge</li> <li>8.30am Ellendune Centre, Wroughton</li> <li>8.45am Ashington Way, West Swindon</li> </ul> <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>Contacts <a href="#">Mary Morgan</a> by clicking on her name</p>
<p>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October</p>	<p><b>New Members' Meeting</b> at Lawn Community Centre from 9.30 to 11.45 am (hot drinks served from 9.30am; meeting starts at 10.00am). You will be able to meet and chat to other new members, will hear from your Chairman and other U3A Committee Members about making the most of your U3A membership and have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about your U3A and its many groups. There will also be an IT drop in service where you can get one to one support for any new technology issues you may be experiencing.</p> <p>The Management Committee hope you will join us and look forward to meeting you!</p> <p>Adele Merrison – New Members' Representative, Swindon U3A Management Committee</p>
<p>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October</p>	<p><b>The Arts Society, Kennet &amp; Swindon</b> 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.</p> <p>Full details on <a href="http://www.theartssocietykennet.org.uk">www.theartssocietykennet.org.uk</a> or contact Judi Ferries on 840790 or <a href="mailto:ianferries@btinternet.com">ianferries@btinternet.com</a></p>

<p>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October</p>	<p><b>Swindon Film Society</b> at the Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Swindon and start at 7.45pm. "In Between" (Palestine) . See <a href="http://www.swindonfilm.org.uk">www.swindonfilm.org.uk</a></p>
<p>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October</p>	<p><b>Travel Study Group J</b> day visit to Abergavenny with time to explore the town, the museum and the castle ruins.</p> <p>Departure times and pick-up points - please refer to the September edition of What's On.</p> <p>Cost £24 pp includes cost of guided tours, coach fare and driver's gratuity. All members welcome.</p> <p>Contacts <a href="#">Bob Habgood</a> by clicking on his name</p>
<p>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October</p>	<p><b>Highworth Petanque Group.</b> We have started a group on Wednesday afternoons, and our first session on September the 5th seemed to be very successful.</p> <p>We have sixteen new members, fourteen of whom came along to the first session, but we could accommodate a few more. If you are interested in joining us on a Wednesday between 2 and 4, please contact group leader <a href="#">Graham Arrondelle</a> by clicking on his name.</p>
<p>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October</p>	<p><b>Aviation Group</b> visit to The Helicopter Museum, Weston-super-Mare &amp; Aerospace Bristol / Concorde. For full details please see the August edition of What's On.</p> <p>Contact <a href="#">Ken Ivie</a> by clicking on his name</p>
<p>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November</p>	<p><b>U3A Concert Trip</b> 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 <a href="#">Helen Harris</a> by clicking on her name</p>

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	<p><b>Monthly Meeting</b> at the Ellendune Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton SN4 9LW, 2.15pm to 3.30pm. The talk by Geoffrey Carr is on "The Loss of the Titanic and a Wiltshire Family". The experiences of a Wiltshire family who sailed in the Titanic, together with a description of the ship and the causes of her loss.</p>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	<p><b>Travel Study Group C &amp; G</b> visit Bristol. A morning visit to Aerospace Museum, Bristol followed by free time in Bristol.</p> <p>Departure times and pick-up points: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8.30am outside Matalan, Greenbridge</li> <li>8.50am Ellendune Centre, Wroughton</li> <li>9.10am Ashington Way, West Swindon</li> </ul> <p>4.30pm (approx.) depart for Swindon.</p> <p>Approximate cost of £22 pp includes museum entry, coach and driver's gratuity.</p> <p>All members welcome.</p> <p>Contact <a href="#">Bill Mead</a> by clicking on his name</p>

**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 Wodhams](#) by clicking on her name

"If you try to suppress the arts, then you're suppressing the deepest dreams and aspirations of a people."

**Barack Obama**, 44th President of the United States