

Swindon U3A

What's On

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Welcome to the monthly What's On information sheet.

Newsletter and What's On cut-off dates - 07/11/2018 for December Newsletter and 12/11/2018 for the December What's On.

Harmonica Group does not appear in the Year Book but is a thriving group who meet fortnightly at Immanuel Church, Upham Road between 6.30pm and 8.30pm. Both beginners and experience players are welcome. Just bring along a mouth organ. In November we will be meeting on Wednesday 7th & 21st. Contact [Kaitlin](#) by clicking on her name or just come along. No need to read music.

Wednesday 7 th November	Swindon Film Society at the Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Swindon and start at 7.45pm. 'All Quiet on the Western Front' (USA, 1930). See www.swindonfilm.org.uk
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.
Monday 12 th November	Monthly Meeting 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>Thursday 15th November</p>	<p>Fancy writing a short story? Your memoirs? A magazine article? Or just having fun with words? A New Creative Writing Group based in Chiseldon will meet from 9.30 – 12 noon on the 3rd Thursday of each month lead by Joy Wodhams. Contact her by clicking on her name. Five U3A members have already signed up and there's room for another five or six.</p>
<p>Monday 19th November</p>	<p>Travel Study Group C & G visit Bristol. A morning visit to Aerospace Museum, Bristol followed by free time in Bristol. Departure times and pick-up points: - 8.30am outside Matalan, Greenbridge 8.50am Ellendune Centre, Wroughton 9.10am Ashington Way, West Swindon 4.30pm (approx.) depart for Swindon. Approximate cost of £22 pp includes museum entry, coach and driver's gratuity. All members welcome. Contact: Bill Mead by clicking on his name. Refunds are not made after 7 days prior to trip.</p>
<p>Wednesday 21st November</p>	<p>Swindon Film Society at the Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Swindon and start at 7.45pm. 'I am Not a Witch' (UK, France, Germany, 2017). See www.swindonfilm.org.uk</p>
<p>Thursday 29th November</p>	<p>Travel Study Group J day visit to Birmingham. Interesting places you can visit - Cathedral, Symphony Hall, Museums and Art Gallery, New Library, Canalside, Jewellery Quarter, National Trust Back to Back Houses, German Christmas Market and Craft Markets. Hop on Hop off Bus around the City (hourly at cost of £5). Departure times and pick-up points: - 8.30am Ellendune Centre 8.40am Piper's Way / Marriott 8.45am Coate Water 4.00pm Depart for Swindon. Cost £20 pp includes coach and driver's gratuity. All members welcome. Contacts: Jenny Bailey click on her name to send a message.</p>

<p>Monday 10th December</p>	<p>Monthly Meeting at the Ellendune Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton SN4 9LW, 2.15pm to 3.30pm. Christmas Entertainment. Musical entertainment from U3A groups, with a seasonal flavour, tea and mince pies.</p>
<p>Wednesday 23rd January 2019</p>	<p>U3A Concert Goers visit the Anvil, Basingstoke for a concert given by The Philharmonia Orchestra, conducted by Santtu Matias Rouvali, and the pianist Alice Sara Ott. The concert will start at 7.45pm and will be preceded by a free talk about the programme at 6.30pm.</p> <p>The programme will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sibelius: Finlandia Ravel: Piano Concerto in G Sibelius: Valse Triste Sibelius: Symphony No. 1 <p>Tickets (including coach travel) cost £53. (This is based on 30 people attending. If 40 people sign up there will be a considerable rebate).</p> <p>The coach will leave Swindon at about 5pm or a bit before. In the first instance to express interest, please contact Nina Stimson by clicking on her name.</p>
<p>Saturday 23rd February 2019</p>	<p>Lecture at Coleview Community Centre at 11.00am. Professor Peter Childs from the Dyson School of Design Engineering, Imperial College London will be giving a lecture to Swindon U3A members on Robotics and how it will change the way we live in the near future.</p> <p>Topics he will address will include,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do robots have to mean a reduction in jobs? • Can robots and humans work together? • Can robots enhance the energy efficiency of our homes? • How do robots support healthcare? <p>The lecture will last about 45 minutes and will be followed by an opportunity for discussion.</p> <p>We hope to see you there.</p>

Vacancies are available in NEW Short Mat Bowls Group 6 which plays every Monday (except Christmas Eve!) at Haydon Wick Leisure Centre. Each session starts at 9:30am, finishing at 11:00am.

SMB is an absorbing indoor bowls session played at your pace. Experience is not necessary, with equipment and coaching provided as needed.

If the above encourages you, and you would like to join the new Monday SMB Group 6, then please contact either [Jamie Edwards](#) by clicking on his name **or** contact the U3A Group co-ordinator at group.coord@swindonu3a.org.uk in the first instance.

New Group - Day Trips We are planning to set up a new travel group, which will be different to the existing Travel Study Groups. We will be offering days out by coach without previous study and these trips will be open to any Swindon U3A member.

We will have a small group of people who will organise the trips, publish them in the Monthly Newsletter and What's On and take bookings on a 'first come first served basis'. We will try to organise trips that have been oversubscribed by the travel groups on previous trips and we will avoid travelling to the same places as the travel groups in the same year. We will also look at destinations that haven't yet been offered.

We currently have 5 members who are willing to organise and lead the trips but would like to take on another 2 or 3 people to spread the workload. A knowledge of computers especially email and possibly spreadsheets would be an advantage.

The organisers would meet as necessary to agree destinations, sort out any problems and finalise trips. They would take bookings and finally lead the trip. If you are interested in becoming an organiser in this New Group and to find out more information please contact me [Susan Grice](#) by clicking on my name.

The new Group will not be organising trips until next year, so please do not get in touch to join the trips themselves.

"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud."

Maya Angelou

American poet, singer, memoirist, and civil rights activist