

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 - 12/01/2019 for the February Newsletter and 17/01/2019 February What's On.

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| Wednesday 8 th January | Winter Warmer - Spanish dance 'practise' sessions from 8th January - 19th March. Suitable for beginners and improvers or just come along for a taster. Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11:30, fortnightly at Gorse Hill. For more info, contact Linda Marriott by clicking on her name. |
| Monday 14 th January | Travel Study Group C & G visit to National Space Centre, Leicester A day visit to the National Space Centre at Leicester Departure times and pick-up points: - 8.00am Ashington Way, West Swindon 8.20am Ellendune Centre, Wroughton 8.40am Matalan, Greenbridge On arrival there will be plenty of free time to explore the centre and in the afternoon a Planetarium show "We Are Stars" before we leave for Swindon at about 4 o'clock Cost £26 pp includes: Space Centre entry, Planetarium show, coach & driver's gratuity. All members welcome Contact Bill Mead by clicking on his name. Refunds are not made after 7 days prior to trip. |

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| <p>Monday 14th January</p> | <p>Monthly Meeting at the Ellendune Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton SN4 9LW, 2.15pm to 3.30pm. "Up on Nob Hill", an illustrated history of the Old Town by Andy Binks.</p> |
| <p>Wednesday 16th January</p> | <p>Swindon Film Society at the Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Swindon and start at 7.45pm. 'The Nile Incident' (Morocco/ Denmark). See www.swindonfilm.org.uk</p> |
| <p>Tuesday 22nd January</p> | <p>Tuesday Barn Dance Group This is a new barn dance group looking for additional members. No experience needed as all dances are talked through before being danced. We meet at Liden Community Centre from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. If it is your first time, please arrive a little before 2:00 pm so that we can get the registration done before we start dancing. This is a great way to socialise and take part in some gentle exercise. Please contact Rosie Jarvis by clicking on her name or simply turn up on the day. Our next meeting is on 22nd January.</p> |
| <p>Wednesday 23rd January</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. The programme will be: Sibelius: Finlandia Ravel: Piano Concerto in G Sibelius: Valse Triste Sibelius: Symphony No. 1 For full details please see December 2018 Newsletter</p> |

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| <p>Wednesday 30th January</p> | <p>Swindon Film Society at the Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Swindon and start at 7.45pm. 'The Party' (UK). See www.swindonfilm.org.uk</p> |
| <p>Monday 11th February</p> | <p>Monthly Meeting at the Ellendune Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton SN4 9LW, 2.15pm to 3.30pm. "A Room with a View" by Gillian Monk. Your eyes and how to look after them.</p> |
| <p>Thursday 21st February</p> | <p>Travel Study Group J day visit to the Museum of London. The Museum of London documents the history of London from prehistoric to modern times. The museum comprises a series of chronological galleries containing original artefacts, models, pictures and diagrams with a strong emphasis on archaeological discoveries and London's cultural and social life. The museum is the largest urban history collection in the world, with more than six million items.</p> <p>Departure times and pick-up points: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.00am Ellendune, Wroughton 8.10am Marriott / Piper's Way Roundabout (Bus Stop outside Intel) 8.15am Coate Water bus stop (opposite Sun PH) <p>4.00pm Depart for Swindon.</p> <p>Cost: £20 pp includes coach and driver's gratuity. Entry to the Museum is free.</p> <p>Catering: The museum has two cafe's and a restaurant. There is also a Lunch Hall where visitors can enjoy their own packed lunch.</p> <p>Any members wishing to have a day in London without visiting the Museum are welcome. The Barbican and St Paul's Cathedral are a five minute walk from the museum.</p> <p>Contact: Ken Ivie by clicking on his name.</p> |

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| <p>Saturday 23rd February</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. 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. You can show your interest in this event by registering on the U3A website "Home" page or contacting Avril Muirhead by clicking on her name.</p> |
| <p>Tuesday 5th March</p> | <p>Thames Valley Network "The Drama of Dunkirk" Study Day at The River & Rowing Museum, Henley-on-Thames, RG9 1BF. Fee: £15.00 to TVN members. £17.00 for non TVN members. Further information from Mrs PA Thornton, 6 Highway, Crowthorne, Berks, RG45 6HE, Tel: 01344 774812. For an application form and more details please see the December edition of the Swindon U3A Newsletter.</p> |
| <p>Wednesdays 13th 20th 27th March</p> | <p>Use It or Lose It – Living Longer, Living Well This 3 session course deals with ways in which we can help ourselves stay mentally and physically active in older age. Gorse Hill Community Centre, 2.00 pm – 4.00pm Please contact Marla Carroll by clicking on her name to reserve a place.</p> |

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| <p>Tuesday 2nd April</p> | <p>Royal British Legion (Wroughton) Visit to National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas, near Lichfield, Shropshire.</p> <p>The National Memorial Arboretum is Britain's year-round national site of remembrance which honours the personal sacrifices made by the Armed Forces, Police, Fire & Rescue and Ambulance services of this country together with National charities representing those who have died in particular circumstances, including children.</p> <p>Covering 150 acres, the Arboretum has something for everyone. It's not a cemetery. It's a place of life, represented by the 30,000 trees planted here, where older and younger generations alike can wander and wonder. For some it's a wonderful place to stroll and enjoy the trees; for others it's a peaceful and beautiful place to remember loved ones, particularly those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.</p> <p>Departure times and pick-up points: - 8.30am Ellendune, Wroughton 8.45am Coate Water bus stop (opposite Sun PH) 4.00pm Depart for Swindon.</p> <p>Cost: £21 pp includes coach and driver's gratuity. Contact: Ken Ivie by clicking on his name.</p> |
| <p>Thursday 4th April</p> | <p>Travel Study Group J day visit to Oxford. After coffee and biscuits there will be a morning guided tour entitled "In the Steps of Inspector Morse" followed by free time to explore Oxford at your leisure.</p> <p>Cost: approximately £27 pp</p> <p>Further details will appear in the February Newsletter. Enquiries to Peter & Barbara Davidson on 520595.</p> |

Proposed New Quiz Group

We are planning to set up a new quiz group based in the Royal Wootton Bassett area for Swindon U3A members, starting this coming Spring.

I would like to have at least 2 other members to join me in helping with this group. Especially those who are experienced quizzers, who would also be prepared to run a quiz once or twice a year. There will be a charge of £1 per entry to cover administration costs. We would meet on the first Friday of each month between 2 and 4pm. If you are interested in helping run this group, or wish to join, please contact me for more information.

Contact [John Turner](#) by clicking on his name.

“When one door of happiness closes, another opens, but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us.”

Helen Keller

