

Swindon U3A

What's On

March 2019

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Welcome to the monthly What's On information sheet.

[What's On & Newsletter cut-off dates](#) - 9/03/2019 for April Newsletter and 14/03/2019 for April What's On.

New writing group in North Swindon

I am hoping to set up a new creative writing group to meet monthly in the Haydon Wick area.

It is for anyone who enjoys writing - or aspires to write, whether it be fiction or non-fiction, poetry, children's stories, that novel you've always wanted to write or memoirs for your grandchildren. Whatever your level of experience it is good to get together with like-minded people, to exchange ideas, to get some feedback and inspiration - or maybe find a cure for "writer's block"!

All would be welcome, whatever your writing interests and experience. If you are interested please contact

Nicola Moon by clicking on her name.

Highworth New Pétanque Group, at St Michaels Hall, Highworth on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30 to 3.30pm winter time and 2.00 to 4.00pm as the days get longer. As the spring weather approaches, we would welcome anyone wishing to try the sport. You do not have to provide any equipment at this stage, but do need to dress for the weather as we play outside.

For further information please contact **Grahame Arrondelle** by clicking on his name.

<p>Monday 11th March</p>	<p>Monthly Meeting at the Ellendune Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton SN4 9LW, 2.15pm to 3.30pm. "The Motor Trade 1950 -1980", an illustrated talk by Alan Nix on the way in which the development of cars altered our social habits, combining interesting local pictures of the 1950-80 period covered.</p>
<p>Monday 11th March</p>	<p>The Arts Society Kennet & Swindon at the Ellendune Centre, Wroughton. Coffee from 10.00am followed by a talk on "Elizabethan Textiles" at 11.00am. All welcome, but you must be a member or guest (cost £7). For further information please see: www.theartsocietykennet.org.uk</p>
<p>Tuesday 19th March</p>	<p>New Barn Dance Group at Liden Community Centre, Swindon from 2.00 to 4.00pm. A new barn dance group is looking for additional members. No experience needed as all dances are talked through before being danced. You do not need a partner. 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. Simply turn up on the day or please contact Rosie Jarvis by clicking on her name.</p>
<p>Wednesday 20th March</p>	<p>Swindon Film Society at the Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Swindon and start at 7.45pm. "Land of Mine" (Denmark). You must be a member or guest (cost £9) to attend. See www.swindonfilm.org.uk</p>

<p>Monday 25th March</p>	<p>Mamma Mia Sing-a-long! at 2pm at Lawn Community Centre, Guildford Avenue Swindon SN3 1JL For full details please see the February 2019 Newsletter. Please contact Margaret Goldie by clicking on her name.</p>
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<p>Tuesday 2nd April</p>	<p>Royal British Legion (Wroughton) Visit to National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas, near Lichfield, Shropshire. For full details please see the February 2019 Newsletter. Contact Ken Ivie by clicking on his name.</p>
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<p>Thursday 4th April</p>	<p>Travel Study Group J day visit to Oxford. After tea/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. Cost: approximately £27 pp. All welcome. Enquiries to Peter & Barbara Davidson on 520595.</p>
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<p>Friday 5th April</p>	<p>New Quiz Group will meet on the 1st Friday of each month between 2-4pm, at Hook Village Hall, just outside of Royal Wootton Bassett, on the road to Purton. There is ample parking. There is a charge of £1 to cover admin and other costs. Further details from the organiser John Turner by clicking on his name.</p>
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Monday 8th
April

Monthly Meeting at the Ellendune Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton SN4 9LW, 2.15pm to 3.30pm.
"My Journey to the Weakest Link" by Linda Dowsett.
The personal experience of a contestant appearing on "The Weakest Link", how a TV programme is made and how "mean" is Ann Robinson in reality.

Tuesday 9th
April

Travel Study Groups C & G day visit to Oxford. We will be dropped off and picked up in the centre of Oxford. Guided tours of the Bodleian Library and the Sheldonian Theatre are included. Following the tour of the Sheldonian Theatre and nearby area, there will be an opportunity, for those who wish, to explore the roof space. There is no extra cost for this add-on.

Within easy walking distance you will find lots of places of interest where entry is also free. These include: the Ashmolean, Oxford Museum of Natural History, Pitt Rivers and History of Science museums.

Departure times and pick-up points:-

8.30am Ashington Way, West Swindon

8.45am Ellendune Centre, Wroughton

9.00am Matalan, Greenbridge.

4.00pm Depart for Swindon

Cost £27pp includes: coach, the guided tours and driver's gratuity. All members welcome

Contact **Sylvia Blacklock** by clicking on her name.

<p>Friday 12th April</p>	<p>U3A Concert Goers visit the Bristol Hippodrome for a performance of Welsh National Opera's critically acclaimed production of Gaetano Donizetti's tragic opera, Roberto Devereux.</p> <p>The cost, including coach travel, will be £44.00 pp. There may still be some seats available. Check first.</p> <p>For full details please see February 2019 Newsletter</p>
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<p>Friday 12th April</p>	<p>Aviation Group day visit to the Battle of Britain Bunker at RAF Uxbridge and The De Havilland Museum, at London Colney.</p> <p>The Battle of Britain Bunker is an underground operations room at RAF Uxbridge. The De Havilland Aircraft Museum is the oldest museum in the world dedicated to the preservation of De Havilland aircraft.</p> <p>Following our visit to the De Havilland museum in the morning we will make the short journey to Uxbridge to visit the Battle of Britain Bunker in the afternoon.</p> <p>Departure times and pick-up points: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.00am Highworth, Brewery St Car Park 8.20am Ellendune Centre Wroughton 8.25am Downes View / Marlborough Road 8.25am Coate Water 4.00pm Depart for Swindon. <p>Cost: £32 pp includes coach, entry to museums and driver's gratuity. All members welcome.</p> <p>Contact Ken Ivie by clicking on his name.</p>
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<p>Monday 15th April</p>	<p>The Arts Society Kennet & Swindon at the Ellendune Centre, Wroughton, Coffee from 10.00am followed by a talk on "Art & Architecture of St Petersburg" at 11.00am. All welcome, but you must be a member or guest (cost £7) to attend. For further information please see: www.theartsocietykennet.org.uk</p>
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<p>Monday 13th May</p>	<p>Monthly Meeting at the Ellendune Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton SN4 9LW, 2.15pm to 3.30pm. "The British Honours System" by Ashley Jones. A presentation about the interesting facets of the British Honours system, including some of the lesser-known awards and some well-known recipients. Advice on how to successfully nominate worthy individuals and how to initiate the process with a strong chance of success.</p>
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**"You are never too old to set another goal
or to dream a new dream."**

C S Lewis