

Swindon U3A

What's On

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Welcome to the monthly What's On information sheet.

What's On cut-off date - 16th May for June What's On

Newsletter cut-off date - 11th May for June Newsletter

Monday
13th May

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.

Thursday
16th May

Travel Study Group J day visit to Worcester. A visit to the re-furbished Royal Worcester Porcelain museum which includes tea/coffee and biscuits on arrival and an introductory video presentation. Other places to enjoy include Worcester Cathedral, the Guildhall, Greyfriars House (NT) and many more, all less than 10 minutes walk from the museum.

Departure times and pick-up points:

8.30am Ellendune Health Centre, Wroughton

8.45am Coate Water

4.00pm Depart for Swindon

Cost: £25.50 pp which includes entry to the museum, including tea/coffee and biscuits, coach and gratuities.

Contact **Jayne Bellamy** or **Mike Carvell** by clicking on a name.

**"One cannot think well, love well, sleep well,
if one has not dined well"**

Virginia Woolf

<p>Monday 20th May</p>	<p>The Arts Society Kennet & Swindon at the Ellendune Centre, Wroughton.</p> <p>Coffee from 10.00am followed by a talk on “William Morris: The Art of Life and the Life of Art” by Antony Buxton at 11.00am. All welcome, but you must be a member or guest (cost £7) of a member to attend. For further information please see: www.theartssocietykennet.org.uk</p>
<p>Monday 20th May</p>	<p>Travel Study Group C & G visit to Bishop’s Palace and Wells. We will visit the Bishop’s Palace and the gardens followed by free time to explore Wells or Visit the Cathedral.</p> <p>Departure times and pick up points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.30am Matalan, Greenbridge 8.45am Ellendune Centre, Wroughton 9.00am Ashington Way, West Swindon 5.00pm Depart Wells <p>Cost £20pp includes coach, entrance to the Bishop’s Palace, a guided tour subject to availability of volunteers and driver’s gratuity.</p> <p>Contact Sue York by clicking her name.</p>
<p>Tuesday 28th May</p>	<p>Thames Valley Network “History on Film (Harlots or Heroines? Women in the 18th Century on Film and TV)” Study Day at Yolande Paterson Theatre, St Helen & St Katharine school, Faringdon Road, Abingdon, OX14 1BE.</p> <p>For further information and an application form please go to http://www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk/ .</p>
<p>Monday 10th June</p>	<p>Monthly Meeting at the Ellendune Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton SN4 9LW, 2.15pm to 3.30pm.</p> <p>“Why diets fail and what we can do about it” by John Rope. An interesting and fun presentation about the problems associated with diets, the frauds, the science and some of the “big lies”, together with tips for success.</p>

<p>Sunday 16th June</p>	<p>U3A Concert Goers invite you to a 3pm performance at The Birmingham Symphony Hall where the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, conducted by Mirga Grazinyte-Tyla will perform Mahler's Symphony No 2 (The Resurrection). We hope to get to Birmingham by 1pm giving time for lunch and perhaps a stroll by the canal.</p> <p>Pickup points (times to be confirmed): Downsview Rd / Marlborough Road Junction Bus Station Ashington Way (W Swindon) bus stop</p> <p>The cost will be £51 maximum based on 30 people attending, includes ticket, coach and driver's gratuity. To book a place please contact the organisers by:</p> <p>Friday 3rd May Organisers: Nina Stimson and Cindy Matthews Make contact by clicking on one of the names above.</p>
<p>Monday 17th June</p>	<p>The Arts Society Kennet & Swindon at the Ellendune Centre, Wroughton. Coffee from 10.00am followed by a talk on "Silver in England: A fresh look" by Martin Ellis at 11.00am. All welcome, but you must be a member or guest (cost £7) of a member to attend. For further information please see: www.theartsocietykennet.org.uk</p>
<p>New Patchwork Group in Royal Wootton Bassett. I would like to start a patchwork group. My thoughts are to have a group meet twice a month, Tuesday mornings, 10 to 12, initially at my house but if there is a strong demand (more than 6) we can find a hall, hopefully. I'm thinking of a group for beginners, making cushions, bags, boxes, to start and then if that goes well we can move on to making whole quilts, learning how to hand and machine quilt. If you are interested my name is Mary Loran and you can contact me by clicking on my name.</p>	

Wednesday
19th June

The Day Trip Group will be running a coach trip to Oakham Treasures Museum which will be open to all Swindon U3A members.

A trip down memory lane, the museum is a family collection of memorabilia from farm equipment and a working model railway to a haberdashery and grocery store from the early fifties and much more.

There will be time for a leisurely tour of all the exhibits in the museum as well as coffee and/or lunch in the large cafe, with home-made cakes as well as lunch items.

Pick up points

9.00am Sainsbury's car park, Royal Wootton Bassett

9.15am West Swindon Ashington Way

9.30am Swindon Bus Station

3.00pm Depart for Swindon

These times are approximate and will be confirmed nearer the visit.

If you are interested in this trip please contact

Kathrina Fairgrieve by clicking on her name and please send your name and phone number and she will reply to your message.

The cost will be £12.00 per person which covers the coach and driver's gratuity. Book and send the £12.00 non-refundable coach payment to Swindon U3A by 29th May. Please write on reverse of cheque reference "Oakham Treasures Trip" or use same reference if paying by bank transfer. Group entrance fee to the museum is £6.50 per person payable on the day.

Saturday
6th July

Lecture by Dr Kathryn Harkup - 'A' is for Arsenic.

This lecture is at the Coleview Community Centre starting at 10:30 and lasting for 1 hour with time for questions afterwards, tea & coffee from 10:00.

Agatha Christie used poison to kill her characters more often than any other crime fiction writer. Poison was a central part of the novel, and her choice of deadly substances was far from random. The characteristics of each poison provide vital clues to the discovery of the murderer. Christie gained her extensive chemical knowledge from working in pharmacies during both world wars. Please sign up on www.swindonu3a.org.uk as numbers are limited.