

# Swindon U3A

## What's On

### June 2019

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

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Welcome to the monthly What's On information sheet.

**What's On cut-off dates** - 13<sup>th</sup> June for July What's On  
18<sup>th</sup> July for August What's On

**Monday  
10<sup>th</sup> June**

**Monthly Meeting** at the Ellendune Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton SN4 9LW, 2.15pm to 3.30pm.  
"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.

**Sunday  
16<sup>th</sup> June**

**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.  
Pickup points (times to be confirmed):  
Downsview Rd / Marlborough Road Junction  
Bus Station  
Ashington Way (W Swindon) bus stop  
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 asap by clicking on a name. **Nina Stimson** or **Cindy Matthews**

<p><b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b></p>	<p><b>The Arts Society Kennet &amp; Swindon</b> at the Ellendune Centre, Wroughton.</p> <p>Coffee from 10.00am followed by a talk on "Silver in England: A fresh look" by Martin Ellis at 11.00am.</p> <p>All welcome, but you must be a member or guest (cost £7) of a member to attend. For further information please see: <a href="http://www.theartssocietykennet.org.uk">www.theartssocietykennet.org.uk</a></p>								
<p><b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b></p>	<p><b>The Day Trip Group</b> will be running a coach trip to Oakham Treasures Museum which will be open to all Swindon U3A members.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 café, with home-made cakes as well as lunch items.</p> <p>Pick up points</p> <table data-bbox="427 1153 1412 1384"> <tr> <td>9.00am</td> <td>Sainsbury's car park, Royal Wootton Bassett</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9.15am</td> <td>West Swindon Ashington Way</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9.30am</td> <td>Swindon Bus Station</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.00pm</td> <td>Depart for Swindon</td> </tr> </table> <p>These times are approximate and will be confirmed nearer the visit.</p> <p>If you are interested in this trip please contact <b>Kathrina Fairgrieve</b> by clicking on her name. Please send your name and contact details and she will get back to you.</p> <p>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 asap. 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.</p>	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
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## **Coffee Morning for Possible New Helpers for Swindon U3A**

Would you be prepared to give some time to helping with your U3A?

You might join the committee, help host meetings, join a sub-committee or shadow an existing committee member to see what they do.

The possibilities are endless!

If you'd like to consider helping, come and meet some of the committee to discuss how you might contribute.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June between 10am and 12 noon**

Coleview Community Centre, Towcester Road, Swindon SN3  
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**Margaret Goldie**, Secretary

**Saturday  
6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.swindonu3a.org.uk) as numbers are limited. If you do not have access to the website please contact **Bob Carvey** or **Sandie Mulcahy** by clicking on a name.

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**\*\*\*PAT testing date \*\*\***  
31<sup>st</sup> July.  
Keep an eye open for details.

**Monday  
9<sup>th</sup>  
September**

**Buckler's Hard With River Cruise** Visit the Maritime Museum and Buckler's Hard Story to follow the development of this fascinating village, the story of its ships, and the residents who lived and worked here. Learn about activity on the river during WWII, including the important role Buckler's Hard played in the D-Day landings. Plus watch a film presentation to discover the story of Buckler's Hard at war.

After lunch we will take a tranquil river cruise on the privately owned Beaulieu river. Originally granted to the monks of Beaulieu Abbey by King John in 1204, the rights and responsibilities of caring for the Beaulieu River later passed to the Montagu family. Their careful ownership has created a river which is largely unspoilt and a haven for wildlife. An engaging commentary will reveal the fascinating history of this unique river as well as the creatures that inhabit its riverbanks.

Departure times and pick-up points:-

8.30am	Royal Wootton Bassett, Borough Fields car park, behind Sainsburys
8.40am	Ashington Way, West Swindon
8.50am	Matalan, Greenbridge
4.00pm	Depart for Swindon

Cost £22pp includes: coach, driver's gratuity, entry to Buckler's Hard and river cruise. **All members welcome.** Contact [Susan Grice](#) by clicking on her name.

"There is good in everything, if only we look for it."

- Laura Ingalls Wilder