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What's On

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Welcome to the monthly What's On information sheet.

Newsletter and What's On cut-off dates: - 09/12/2019 for January 2020 What's On and 11/01/2020 for February 2020 Newsletter, and 16/01/2020 for the February 2020 What's On.

<p>Tuesday 3rd December</p>	<p>Travel Study Group C&G visit to Charlecote and Stratford upon Avon.</p> <p>A visit with a Christmas theme. In the morning we will visit Charlecote Park, a National Trust property in Warwickshire, where the public (<i>ground floor only</i>) rooms of the house will be open and decorated for Christmas. The coach will then take us into Stratford upon Avon, where you will be free to wander around the town and take in the festive atmosphere. Before we depart it will be DUSK and the Christmas Street Lights should be PRETTY.</p> <p>Departure times and pick-up points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">8.30am Ashington Way, West Swindon8.45am Ellendune Centre, Wroughton8.50am Matalan, Greenbridge4.30pm Depart for Swindon <p>Cost £14.00 pp for NT members or £25 for non-members includes: coach and driver's gratuity. (National Trust members must have their membership card with them on the day.) All U3A members welcome.</p> <p>For Contact click on Sylvia Blacklock .</p>
<p>Monday 9th December</p>	<p>The Arts Society Kennet & Swindon at the Ellendune Centre, Wroughton. Coffee from 10.00am followed by a talk by Eveline Eaton on "The Bayeux Tapestry - The World's Oldest Comic Strip" at 11.00am.</p> <p>All welcome, but you must be a member or guest (cost £7) of a member to attend.</p> <p>For further information please see: www.theartssocietykennet.org.uk</p>

<p>Monday 9th December</p>	<p>Monthly Meeting at the Ellendune Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton SN4 9LW, 2.15pm to 3.30pm.</p> <p>Entertainment by ‘End of The Track’</p> <p>‘End of The Track’ was formed ten years ago. They perform songs from the 1960s era to raise funds for local charities. They have raised more than £20,000 for charities through concerts and CD sales.</p> <p>The singers are based around the town of Chippenham and are accompanied by electric and rhythm guitars as well as light percussion. They encourage audiences to join in the songs of artists such as Elvis, The Beatles, Everly Brothers, etc.</p>
<p>Wednesday 11th December</p>	<p>Swindon Film Society meets at the Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Swindon starting at 7.45pm. “Faces Places” (France).</p> <p>You must be a member or guest (cost £9) of a member to attend. See www.swindonfilm.org.uk</p>

The Newsletter and What’s On teams wish all members a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

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<p>Saturday 4th January</p>	<p>Concertgoers at the New Year Strauss Gala with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra at 7.30pm at Cheltenham Town Hall. Cost £37 (inclusive of coach).</p> <p>This concert is full, but we would welcome names for the waiting list as we usually get some returns.</p> <p>For contact click on Cindy Matthews or Nina Stimson</p>
<p>Thursday 30th January (corrected date)</p>	<p>Film for January ‘A Song for Marion’ at Coleview Community Centre, Towcester Road, SN3 4AS, 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Register: Swindon U3A website.</p> <p>Click on Martin Preston or ring: Margaret Goldie on (01793) 790546</p>
<p>Monday 13th January</p>	<p>Monthly Meeting at the Ellendune Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton SN4 9LW, 2.15pm to 3.30pm.</p> <p>“Across the Tropic of Capricorn” by Pam and Eddy Lane. A voyage across the Pacific Ocean featuring the Wildlife of the beautiful South Sea Islands from Norfolk Island to Papua New Guinea.</p>

<p>Monday 27th January</p>	<p>Travel Study Group C&G visit to The Silverstone Experience. This recently opened museum provides an exciting journey through the past, present and future of Silverstone and racing. It combines history, interactive experiences and amazing memorabilia from over 70 years of motorsport.</p> <p>Departure times and pick-up points:-</p> <p>9.00am Ellendune Centre, Wroughton</p> <p>9.15am Ashington Way</p> <p>9.30am Matalan, Greenbridge</p> <p>3.30pm Depart for Swindon</p> <p>Cost: £28 pp to include coach, admission and driver's gratuity.</p> <p>If interested, please click on Bill Mead</p> <p>Refunds are not made after 7 days prior to trip.</p>
<p>Saturday 1st February</p>	<p>Monthly Talk at Coleview Community Centre, Towcester Road, Swindon SN3 4AS, 10.00am to 12 noon.</p> <p>“Standing up for trees” by Richard Tennant-Eyles.</p> <p>A look at the state of woods today and the current threats and issues that are faced in maintaining or increasing woodland cover in the UK; the main threats including tree diseases and land use; a quick overview of the history and aims of the Woodland Trust; the protection of existing woodlands, the creation of new woodland and the restoration of ancient woodland.</p> <p>Finally a deeper look into ancient woodland and the ‘Charter for Trees’.</p>
<p>Wednesday 12th February</p>	<p>The Day Trips Group is running a trip to Bletchley Park.</p> <p>Bletchley Park is the home of British codebreaking and a birthplace of modern information technology. To find out more and to plan your day visit https://bletchleypark.org.uk</p> <p>For full details of this trip please see the December Newsletter.</p> <p>Departure times and pick-up points:-</p> <p>8.00am Royal Wootton Bassett, Borough Fields car park, behind Sainsbury's</p> <p>8.15am Ashington Way, West Swindon</p> <p>8.30am Swindon Bus Station</p> <p>The cost is £26 per person which includes the entrance, coach and drivers gratuity. All members welcome</p> <p>Contact by clicking on Kathrina Fairgrieve</p>

<p>Tuesday 14th January</p>	<p>The Day Trips Group visit to the Royal Mint and National Museum of Wales. At the Royal Mint we will have a guided tour.</p> <p>Go to www.royalmint.com for more information.</p> <p>At the National Museum of Wales we will take a 30-40 minute tour looking at some of the highlights of the art collection. Go to visitcardiff.com for more information.</p> <p>For full details of this trip please see the December Newsletter.</p> <p>Departure times and pick-up points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.00am Royal Wootton Bassett, Borough Fields car park, behind Sainsbury's 8.15am Swindon Bus Station 8.30am Ashington Way, West Swindon 4.30pm Depart for Swindon <p>The cost is £21 per person which includes the tours, coach and drivers gratuity. All members welcome.</p> <p>Contact by clicking on Susan Grice</p>
<p>Thursday 2nd April</p>	<p>Travel Study Group J trip to St Fagans National Museum of History near Cardiff.</p> <p>Included is a "Meet the Curator" talk given by a member of the Curatorial and Conservation team which will give you an introduction to the site and top tips for highlights to look out for during your visit.</p> <p>Departure times and pick-up points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.30am Ellendune Centre, Wroughton 8.45am Coate Water 4.00pm Depart for Swindon <p>Cost £27.00 pp includes: entry to the museum, coach and gratuities. All U3A members and friends welcome.</p> <p>Please contact by clicking on Jayne Bellamy or Mike Carvell</p>

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"To improve is to change, so to be perfect is to have changed often."

Winston Churchill

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Thursday
30th April

ConcertGoers are visiting the Anvil, Basinstoke on Thursday, April 30th for an evening concert with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. On the programme is Martucci Notturmo, Brahms Violin Concerto with Tamsin Little on her farewell to the concert stage tour, Prokofiev Symphony no 1 (the Classical) and Rimsky Korsakov' Capriccio Espagnol. The concert will be preceded at 6.30pm by a free talk, likely to be from one of the performers about an aspect of the programme.

The cost is £42.00 if we get 30 takers (rebate on the day if we get over 30 and up to 40). This includes coach travel and driver's gratuity. Cheques payable to Swindon U3A, to Cindy Matthews, 28 Tithe Barn Crescent, Swindon SN1 4JX, with a note saying where you want to be picked up by the coach (Downsview/ Marlborough Road junction, Bus Station or Ashington Way, W.Swindon) Pick up times will be confirmed nearer the time. Please apply by January 17th.

Queries to [Cindy Matthews](#) or [Nina Stimson](#)