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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: -**

13<sup>th</sup> February for the March What's On.

7<sup>th</sup> March for April Newsletter and 12<sup>th</sup> March for April What's On.

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>February Talk</b> at Coleview Community Centre, Towcester Road, Swindon SN3 4AS, 10.00am to 12 noon.  "Standing up for trees" by Richard Tennant-Eyles. 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. Finally a deeper look into ancient woodland and the 'Charter for Trees'.
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Swindon Film Society</b> meets at the Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Swindon starting at 7.45pm. "The Devine Order" (Switzerland). You must be a member or guest (cost £9) of a member to attend. See <a href="http://www.swindonfilm.org.uk">www.swindonfilm.org.uk</a>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Monthly Meeting</b> at the Ellendune Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton SN4 9LW, 2.15pm to 3.30pm.  "Handwriting and Forgeries" by John Jameson-Davis.  A fascinating look at what handwriting can tell you about the writer and how an expert identifies forged signatures.
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>The Day Trips Group</b> is running a trip to Bletchley Park. Full details in January What's On or U3A website.  Contact by clicking on <a href="#">Kathrina Fairgrieve</a>

*"Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment."*

Buddha

<p>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February</p>	<p><b>Come and Sing Workshop</b> with Swindon Choral Society. Choruses of Handel's Messiah. 10.00am to 5.00pm with informal concert at end, at Christchurch, Swindon. £15. For more details and to apply go <a href="http://www.swindonchoral.org.uk">www.swindonchoral.org.uk</a></p>
<p>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February</p>	<p><b>The Arts Society Kennet &amp; Swindon</b> at the Ellendune Centre, Wroughton. Coffee from 10.00am followed by a talk by Christopher Chanter on <b>“The Rebuilding of Ypres after Total Destruction in The Great War”</b> at 11.00am. All welcome, but you must be a member of TASKS 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>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February</p>	<p><b>Travel Group J</b> day visit to Beaulieu in the heart of the New Forest National Park. You will have the opportunity to explore Beaulieu's world famous National Motor Museum, Palace House and gardens. Also included is entry to Beaulieu Abbey with an exhibition on Monastic Life, Secret Army/SOE Exhibition and World of Top Gear, a ride on the UK's oldest Monorail (with informative commentary) and a trip on an open top veteran bus.</p> <p>Departure times and pick up points: -</p> <p>8.30am Wroughton Ellendune Centre 8.45am Marriott Roundabout 9.00am Coate Water</p> <p>Cost £32 pp to include coach, entrance to Beaulieu and driver's gratuity. All members welcome. To book a place on this trip, please contact: by clicking on the name <a href="#">Ann Ivie</a> or <a href="#">Carol Clarke</a></p>
<p>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February</p>	<p><b>Travel Study Group B&amp;D</b> visit to Concorde Museum &amp; Bristol Cathedral.</p> <p>Departure times and pick-up points:-</p> <p>9.00am Chapel Street 9.15am Bus Station 9.30am Ashington Way 10.30am arrive at Concorde Museum 2.00pm depart Concorde Museum 2.30pm arrive at Bristol Cathedral 4.00pm Depart for Swindon</p> <p>Cost: £27 pp to include coach, admissions and driver's gratuity. All members welcome.</p> <p>Contacts: <a href="#">Margaret</a> or <a href="#">Sue</a> by clicking on name.</p>
<p>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February</p>	<p><b>Film for February</b> 'The Mikado' at Western Community Centre, Somerset Road, SN2 1NF , 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Register: Swindon U3A website. e-mail: click on <a href="#">Martin Preston</a> or ring: Margaret Goldie on 01793 790546</p>

<p>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March</p>	<p><b>Monthly Meeting</b> at the Ellendune Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton SN4 9LW, 2.15pm to 3.30pm.</p> <p>“Gloucester Docks Then and Now ” by Tony Conder. Gloucester Docks were linked to the sea by the widest and deepest waterway the world had ever seen. A financial disaster, it was a triumph for Gloucester and now adds considerable tourist interest to a Midlands city.</p>
<p>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March</p>	<p><b>The Day Trips Group</b> is running a trip to Postal Museum, Mail Train and Museums of London. For full details please visit Group Visits Diary on Swindon U3A website.</p> <p>Departure times and pick-up points:-</p> <p>7.30am Royal Wootton Bassett, Borough Fields car park, behind Sainsbury’s</p> <p>7.45am Swindon Bus Station</p> <p>8.00am Matalan, Greenbridge</p> <p>The cost is £28 pp which includes Mail Train and Museum, coach and driver’s gratuity. All members welcome</p> <p>Contact: click on <a href="#">Susan Grice</a></p>
<p>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</p>	<p><b>Travel Study Group C &amp; G</b> Visit to Gloucester and The Cheltenham Racecourse Experience. Visiting Gloucester in the morning, having free time to look around the docks - visit a museum or shop in Gloucester Quays and have lunch. The coach will then take us to Cheltenham Racecourse where we will have a behind the scenes guided tour of the facilities and the opportunity to walk to part of the course followed by tea, coffee, and biscuits. Please note that there is a slight slope back to the weights room.</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>4:30pm Leave Cheltenham racecourse</p> <p>Cost: £30 pp to include coach, admission to the racecourse and driver’s gratuity. All members welcome.</p> <p>If interested, please contact by clicking on <a href="#">Jane Caudwell</a></p> <p>As we have to pay for the Racecourse Tour in advance, it may not be possible to give a full refund if you are unable to attend.</p>
<p>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March</p>	<p><b>Film for March</b> ‘Mamma Mia 2’ at Coleview Community Centre, Towcester Road, SN3 4AS, 2.00pm to 4.30pm.</p> <p>Register: Swindon U3A website.</p> <p>e-mail: by clicking on <a href="#">Martin Preston</a> or ring: Margaret Goldie on 01793 790546</p>

<p>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</p>	<p><b>Travel Study Group J</b> trip to St Fagans National Museum of History near Cardiff will include 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> <p>8.30am Ellendune Centre, Wroughton</p> <p>8.45am Coate Water</p> <p>4.00pm Depart for Swindon</p> <p><b>Cost</b> £27.00 pp includes: entry to the museum, coach and gratuities. All U3A members and friends welcome.</p> <p>Please contact : by clicking on the name <a href="#">Jayne Bellamy</a> or <a href="#">Mike Carvell</a></p>
<p>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April</p>	<p><b>Aviation Group</b> Visit to the Royal Air Force Museum London. The Royal Air Force Museum London celebrates and commemorates the Royal Air Force.</p> <p>Departure times and pick up points: -</p> <p>8.00am Brewery Street car park, Highworth</p> <p>8:20am Ellendune Centre, Wroughton</p> <p>8:25am Downes View / Marlborough Road</p> <p>8.30am Coate Water</p> <p>4:30pm Leave Cheltenham racecourse</p> <p>Cost: £17 pp to include coach, entry to museum and driver's gratuity. All members welcome.</p> <p>Contact by clicking on <a href="#">Ken Ivie</a></p>
<p>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April</p>	<p><b>ConcertGoers</b> are visiting the Anvil, Basingstoke for an evening concert with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. On the programme will be 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).</p> <p>The cost is £42.00 pp 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, (contact Cindy below for address), with a note saying where you want to be picked up by the coach (Downsview/Marlborough Road junction, Bus Station or Ashington Way, West Swindon). Pick up times will be confirmed nearer the time. Please apply by 21<sup>st</sup> February.</p> <p>To contact please click on the name <a href="#">Cindy Matthews</a>: or <a href="#">Nina Stimson</a>:</p>