

Swindon U3A

What's On

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Welcome to the monthly What's On information sheet.

Newsletter and What's On cut-off dates: -

7th March for April Newsletter and 12th March for April What's On.

16th April for the May What's On.

Wednesday 4 th March	Swindon Film Society meets at the Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Swindon starting at 7.45pm. "Woman at War" (Iceland). You must be a member or guest (cost £9) of a member to attend. See www.swindonfilm.org.uk
Monday 9 th March	Monthly Meeting at the Ellendune Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton SN4 9LW, 2.15pm to 3.30pm. "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.
Wednesday 11 th March	The Day Trips Group 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. Contact: by clicking on Susan Grice for returns
Monday 16 th March	The Arts Society Kennet & Swindon at the Ellendune Centre, Wroughton. Coffee from 10.00am followed by our AGM. The talk from Clare Philips on 'Decadence and Dreams' - jewellery from around 1900 starts at 11.00am. All welcome, but you must be a member of TASKS or as a guest (cost £7) to attend. For further information please see: www.theartsocietykennet.org .
Wednesday 18 th March	Swindon Film Society meets at the Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Swindon starting at 7.45pm. "1945" (Hungary). You must be a member or guest (cost £9) of a member to attend. See www.swindonfilm.org.uk

<p>Monday 23rd March</p>	<p>Travel Study Group C & G 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 Jane Caudwell</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 24th March</p>	<p>Film for March '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 Martin Preston or ring: Margaret Goldie on 01793 790546</p>
<p>Wednesday 1st April</p>	<p>Swindon Film Society meets at the Arts Centre, Devizes Road, Swindon starting at 7.45pm. "The Wife" (USA). You must be a member or guest (cost £9) of a member to attend. See www.swindonfilm.org.uk</p>
<p>Thursday 2nd April</p>	<p>Travel Study Group J 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>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>
<p>Monday 6th April</p>	<p>Monthly Meeting at the Ellendune Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton SN4 9LW, 2.15pm to 3.30pm.</p> <p>"To Educate, Inform and Entertain" by Tim Blackmore. A run through the history of UK radio including the use of propaganda in WW2 and some entertaining clips from radio shows.</p>

<p>Monday 20th April</p>	<p>The Day Trips Group is running another trip to the Houses of Parliament. At the Houses of Parliament, you can visit Westminster Hall. You will take a tour of the building which is only open to the public with a guide. This will include all the main rooms including the main chambers and will last approximately 1½ hours. There will also be time after the tour for lunch and a wander around the area.</p> <p>Please see group visits diary for full details</p> <p>Departure times and pick-up points:-</p> <p>6.50am Royal Wootton Bassett, Borough Fields car park, behind Sainsburys</p> <p>7.00am Shaw Ridge, West Swindon (coach parking outside cinema)</p> <p>7.15am Matalan, Greenbridge.</p> <p>3.30pm Depart for Swindon</p> <p>The cost is £13.50 per person which includes the tour, coach and drivers gratuity. All members welcome.</p> <p>Please email by clicking on Susan Grice.</p>
<p>Tuesday 21st April</p>	<p>Travel Study Group C & G visit to Slimbridge Wetland Centre. Included in the entry ticket are a guided walk (after which you will have plenty of free time to explore the Wetlands); the Visitors Centre and the Sloane Observation Tower with amazing views of the Cotswolds and the Forest of Dean (accessed by either stairs or lift); Toad Hall which houses frogs, toads, newts and salamanders; plus many other attractions.</p> <p>Departure times and pick-up points:-</p> <p>8.45am Matalan</p> <p>9.00am Ellendune Centre, Wroughton</p> <p>9.15am Ashington Way, West Swindon</p> <p>4.00pm Depart for Swindon</p> <p>Cost £26 pp includes: coach, entry, guided tour & driver's gratuity. All members welcome.</p> <p>Contact: by clicking on Sylvia Blacklock</p>
<p>Friday 24th April</p>	<p>Aviation Group 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>4:00pm return to Swindon—corrected version</p> <p>Cost: £17 pp to include coach, entry to museum and driver's gratuity. All members welcome.</p> <p>Contact by clicking on Ken Ivie</p>

<p>Thursday 30th April</p>	<p>Concert Goers 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, 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, West Swindon). Pick up times will be confirmed nearer the time. Please apply by 14th March.</p> <p>To contact click on Cindy Matthews: or Nina Stimson:</p>
<p>Tuesday 5th May</p>	<p>The Gardening Group is running a trip to Hidcote Manor Gardens, a National Trust property near Chipping Campden.</p> <p>Departure time 11.30 am from Lawn Community Centre.</p> <p>Depart Hidcote Manor Gardens at 4.30 pm to return to Lawn Community Centre.</p> <p>Cost £29 or £15 for National Trust Members to include coach, drivers gratuity and admission. All U3A members are welcome.</p> <p>Contact:- Jane Horey by clicking on the name</p>
<p>Monday 9th November To Friday 13th November</p>	<p>Travel group G holiday to Thursford Christmas Spectacular</p> <p>Staying at Palm Court Hotel, Great Yarmouth for 4 nights bed, breakfast and evening meal.</p> <p>We will visit Cambridge on the way there, a day visiting surrounding area, a visit to Thursford for matinee performance, a visit to Ely for Cathedral Christmas Gift and Food fair plus visit to a place of interest on way home.</p> <p>Cost £425 includes deluxe ticket for show, entrance to Christmas market, single supplement £44, Sea view £28.</p> <p>Deposit £95 by Monday 13th April; balance by Monday 14th September. There will be no bookings taken after 1st September as this is the deadline for booking show tickets. See U3A website for a booking form or contact Sue York by clicking on name</p>

"Never eat more than you can lift."

Miss Piggy