



Aston Clinton U3A

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Information

May 2013

25 Over & Out

As you will see from a later entry in this month's newsletter, Martin Y [redacted] has decided that the next Theatre Trip will be his last. Martin has been one of the pillars of our U3A since its inception and in addition to arranging Theatre Trips was our Chairman from 2009 to 2011. To arrange 25 theatre trips is no mean feat and I feel we should all express our thanks to Martin for all his hard work over the years. Well done Martin we hope you enjoy your retirement and look forward to meeting with you at our meetings in the future. *If any member wishes to fill the vacancy left by Martin's departure please speak to a member of the committee.*

Pat Mc

Committee Matters

Unfortunately two of our members who were voted onto the committee at the last AGM in February have, for personal reasons, had to resign. If any member is prepared to step forward to assist the committee in its work please come forward and speak to me. Our constitution allows for members to be co-opted onto the committee until the next AGM. Many thanks. *Pat Mc*

We're all going to Brighton!!!!

On Wednesday 19th June 2013 at 9 am. a 49 seater Charabanc will leave The Bell in Aston Clinton for the delights of sunny Brighton by the sea. (What you get up to while you are there is entirely a matter for you.) We will leave for the return journey at 5 pm.) The cost will be £12.50 per person. You know you want to go - so book early with Pat Mc at the next meeting or speak to him by the new fangled method of the telephone on



History Group Trip

Payment for the trip to Lacock on the 3rd June is now due, and I shall be collecting these moneys at the May meeting. If you are unable to attend this meeting please send your cheque, made payable to Aston Clinton U3A Travel to me.

The coach pick up is from opposite "The Bell" at 9 am sharp.
Thanks for your co-operation *Ralph*.

Poetry For Pleasure This group is taking a break for the Summer. We will meet again in September so please ring me for details nearer the time on [redacted] Thanks, *Sue Y*

Our Theatre Trip to see High Society at Wycombe Swan Theatre on Wed. 26th June will be the 25th trip I have organised so I have now decided to retire and take a back seat!

I am sure there is someone who, with new ideas, would like to take over. I suggest he/she either contacts me or our Chairman, Pat Mc [redacted] I would like to thank all those theatregoers who have supported me so well over the years whatever the weather!

Reminder. Pick up times are 5.20 pm at the Rose and Crown Tring and 5.30 pm at opposite the Bell, Aston Clinton *Martin Y*

EatEasy My thanks to Erica and Virginia for organising our chocolate taste comparison tests so ably. Will Group members who were unable to attend please let me know whether you will be coming to the Summer Buffet (June 5th) and your intended contribution ie savoury, sweet or other. Many thanks *Diana*.

MONTHLY MEETINGS at ANTHONY HALL 2.30 till 4.30

May 21 st	Malcolm Nelson	40 Years of Catching Smugglers
June 18 th	Sue Mitchell	Man's Best Friend
July 16 th	John T Smith	Amundsen, Scott and the race to the pole

What's on the menu group



Eight members enjoyed a leisurely meal at The Russell Arms, Butlers Cross on 2 May. There was plenty of good conversation and, though service was slow because the pub was busy, everyone enjoyed the lunch. This group was started by Neil Castle with the idea that different people initiate a time and venue for a meal by filling out the forms put out at the meetings. Why not start a form with a date and place for a meal and then other members can add their names and telephone numbers or add your name to a list? This is a good way to meet other members and save yourself meal preparation. A group of eight is a good number. *Marie J*

Strolling Group Last Wednesday the strollers had a successful walk down to the canal at Buckland. About 14 turned up including several new members. Our total membership is now 35! On our last stroll we saw where the lock had collapsed. They are still not sure what caused the wall of the lock to give way. They are hopeful that the pillars holding the lock gates have not been damaged. Whilst on the bridge we took some group photos as the included collage shows. Next time we plan either go to Wendover woods/ Dunstable downs. Please note at the end of May on the Friday 24th May of the Spring Bank Holiday we will be strolling to the canal again in the morning, but this time on the return we shall go into the "Buck Pub" for lunch. Anyone who wants to join us will be very welcome.



FLOWER ARRANGING There will be NO meeting in June. Also, I am sorry to say that I am ending my group of flower arranging until further notice. Probably a year, to give myself a break and perhaps come up with some new ideas. Of course, one of you could take it over, as you all have some experience now. Please keep arranging and keep in touch. My very best wishes. *Frances*.

Science n Technology 26 June advance notice. I have been able to book a speaker from the company that built the Globe theatre in London. They are the foremost timber frame building experts in the country and are about to start on the Jacobean theatre next to the Globe. This will be held in Erica's wonderful barn conversion so he will be able to illustrate using her building. *Colin*.

A date for your Diary: I am arranging a trip to Sulgrave Manor (Home of George Washington's Family) and Canons Ashby House (a N.T. property nearby) on Thursday 18th September 2013. The costs, which are yet to be finalised, will include the coach, a guided tour of Sulgrave Manor, coffee and biscuits on arrival and a two course set lunch. Further details will be published in June or July. Many thanks. *Shirley Mc*.

THIRD AGE MATTERS (TAM) Magazine

Would any members who now wish to receive copies of TAM by direct mail please contact the Secretary as soon as possible. The closing date for submissions is 21st May which is the date of our next meeting. No payment is required at present; invoices will follow later in the year. Members who signed up in February need take no action (unless they wish to cancel), and will continue to receive both TAM and Sources. *John*