



# Aston Clinton U3A

Charity Number 1115424

## Information

December 2013

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### Subscriptions are due on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Annual Subscriptions

Subscriptions for 2014 are payable at the December or January meetings. The cost is £15. You may pay by cheque or direct bank transfer. The Treasurer, Doug Barrow, will be available at both meetings to collect your contributions. If you wish to pay by Bank transfer the **Sort Code** is and the **account number**. Please indicate in the description field "ACU3A subs". You will also receive a form asking you to provide your personal and contact details. This is to ensure that we are keeping the accurate records required of us by the Data Protection Act.

Many thanks. *Pat Mc.*

**U3A COMMITTEE** At the end of this year, three members of the committee will be retiring after many years of loyal service to our U3A. We are therefore looking for three of our members to take their place. No particular skills are required other than a wish to see your U3A thrive and a willingness to do some work to ensure it happens. The committee meets once a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. If you feel that you would like to be more active in the U3A please speak to a committee member. *Pat Mc*

**NATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOLS in 2014** The dates are Monday 14th To Thursday 17th July at Harper Adams University and Monday 18th to Thursday 21st August at Royal Agricultural University. Full sets of information are now available; extra copies can be downloaded from the events and competitions section in the members' area of the national website or obtained from the National Office. Thanks to a generous grant the costs have been reduced by over 9%.

#### The Jane Austen Country Tour 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

Total amount of walking on this tour is approximately 400 yards. **The Cost will be £30 per person. This trip is significantly oversubscribed and I am not able to use a bigger coach as the approach roads around the venues will not accommodate long coaches. I will put the delegate list out at the December Meeting. Please check to see whether you have a seat on the coach. If you cannot attend please remove your name so that the place can be offered to someone on the waiting list.** *Pat Mc*

#### City & Village Tour – Capital Curios 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014

This City & Village Tour starts with coffee and biscuits at the "Old Star" Pub in Westminster. We then proceed to Mayfair to enjoy a number of curiosities that are within a short walk, such as Burlington Arcade and the clock at Fortnum and Masons. We then return to the pub for lunch (drinks are extra) and in the afternoon we will visit The Freemasons' Grand Lodge in Covent Garden including a visit to the beautiful Grand Temple. There will then be some free time before we leave Covent Garden for our return to Aston Clinton. The total walking distance on this tour is about 800 yards. The costs include coffee & biscuits and lunch. This trip was oversubscribed but I have been able to obtain a bigger coach. There are therefore six seats still available if anyone wishes to join us. I will put the list out at the December meeting. The Cost is £31 per person and is payable at the December meeting. (City & Village Tours require payment before the January meeting). Cheques should be made payable to "Aston Clinton U3A Travel" *Pat Mc*

#### Possible Visit to the Western Front (May or June) 2014

The December meeting is the last opportunity for anyone who is interested in such a trip to put their names on the interest list. If you are interested but unable to attend the meeting please contact by telephone. *Pat Mc.*

## U3A Trips, Outings and Holidays 2013

☎--Pat McRory: Chris Burrows :Gloria Crellin

Destination

Date

Transport

Price

Group Leader

Various trips are Advertised in this Newsletter and will be formalised when confirmed

### MONTHLY MEETINGS at ANTHONY HALL 2.30 till 4.30

December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tony Brown, Gordon Casbear	A Touch of Glass
	<b>Subscriptions are Due on January 1<sup>st</sup></b>	
January 21 <sup>st</sup> 2014	Derek Batten	Women of the Wild West
February 18 <sup>th</sup> 2014	AGM Followed by social drink	

**OUR WEBSITE** [www.astonclintonu3a.org.uk](http://www.astonclintonu3a.org.uk) is now live. It has been designed by Geoff, one of our members, using a programme supplied free from Weebly.com. It is not the finished product but it is essential, if Geoff is to develop it further, that it is used by the members and meaningful feedback passed to Geoff. If you have computer, have a look at the site and sees what it has to offer.

[The committee.](#)

**Coffee mornings** Please could you add to calendar for 2014 .Coffee mornings every 3rd Wednesday of the month, 10 am till 12 noon Contact Frances for venue

#### Also note

There will be NO COFFEE MORNING in December but Christmas plate and share at the Pink House on THURSDAY, JANUARY 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12 till 2 pm, please wear something BLUE.

NO COFFEE MORNING in JANUARY but Tea and Cake on January 29th from 2pm at Marie and Terry's home . Thank you so much. *Frances*

**REMINDER (Christmas stamps)** Please remember that we collect used postage stamps, ink cartridges and old mobile phones for the Florence Nightingale Hospice. A box for these can be found at the front of the stage at our regular monthly meeting. *Thank you Diana*

**Why not join our weekly table tennis group.** Beginners and experts all welcome, but we do play for fun and so don't take it too seriously!

We meet on Tuesday afternoons 2.30 to 4.00 pm at the Youth Club (no meeting on Boxing Day !)

Only £1 per session. Bats provided if necessary.

Do come and have some fun. Maggie for more details.

**For the History group meeting** on January 28th I will attempt to talk about the causes of the 1st World War and the first couple of months which set the scene for the next 4 years.

Next year is a significant event in that is the 100 years anniversary of the start of the war .

Over the past century there have been many opinions on both the cause of the war and what could or should have been done to prevent it

There will be many TV programmes on this so I thought it best to get in early ! *Phil.*