



Aston Clinton U3A

Charity Number 1115424

Information

December 2016

Membership Subscriptions are due in December

Don't forget your 2017 subscriptions are now due. Please make your cheque, for £15.00, to Aston Clinton U3A and place in the box which will be provided in the side room at the December General Meeting. If you are paying for a friend please write their name on the back of the cheque. If you would like to pay by bank transfer then use sort code 30-90-38, account 03218530. You should be able to forward date it to January 1st so it does not get included in this year's accounts, and put your name in the reference field. If you want your membership card to be sent then place your cheque in an SAE, otherwise your membership card will be available at the January General Meeting.

Beamish - Tuesday October 3rd to Friday October 6th

We are now at 47 so there is room for perhaps 2 more to fill the coach. The hotel and coach are booked and I am now working on the visits. This year there is a single person supplement and I will see all those concerned.

Science and Technology

On January 25th we are visiting Merchant Taylor's School in Northwood to see how Technology is taught in 2017. We meet for a car share at 1.15 at the Hub car park. I will have maps. Then in February we go to the Moog rocket factory at Westcott Venture Park. We meet at the Hub at 9.15 to be at Moog by 10.00.

Theatre Trips

'The Play that Went Wrong' on Wednesday March 15th, 2.30 at Milton Keynes theatre. Tickets £19.50.

'Jane Eyre' on Thursday April 27th at 2.00pm at the Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury. Tickets £14 .50.

To get these discount I have to pay in the early part of January so please pay at the December General Meeting. Lists for all activities will be in the side room.

Meanwhile, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. *Colin.*

Trip to the Houses of Parliament - Friday 24th March

I have managed to book a tour to The Houses of Parliament for Friday 24th of March.

We have been allocated 50 places, to be split into two groups of 25; the guided tours start at 4.25 and 4.30 respectively. The tour will be approximately one and a half hours.

The cost of the trip will be in the region of £13. I will put a list out at Decembers meeting for people who would like to go and collect payment at January's meeting.

I haven't got confirmation for the time we will be leaving Aston Clinton, but we have to allow for a ten minute walk from our drop off point, thirty minutes for an airport security type check and I'll build in time for a toilet break as well. *Trina.*

The Kensington Museums Trip

This trip is going ahead on **Monday 13th February 2017**, following an excellent response at the November meeting. There are still one or two places available and, as always, you will be free to do what you like for the day. The cost will be £10 for the coach. Please pay at the December General meeting or in January at the latest (if there are any seats left!). Your place is not reserved until you have paid. Chris B.

The History Group

The history will not meet in December; our next meeting will be on Tuesday 24th of January at 2:30 in the Anthony Hall. The speaker will be Wendy Austin who will give us a talk titled "SOAP " - this is about the Lever family and hopefully include information on Port Sunlight and other activities. *Phil S.*

Stamps and used ink cartridges

Please remember to save your Christmas stamps and bring them to the December or January meetings. The collection box will, as usual, be on the stage. Thanks *Diana.*

U3A Trips , Outings and Holidays				
Trina S				
Destination	Date	Transport	Cost	Group Leader
Houses of Parliament	Friday 24 th March	Coach	About £13	Trina S
Kensington Museums	Monday 13 th February	Coach	£10	Chris B
Beamish	3 rd – 5 th October	Coach	£310	Colin T

Always remember. When booking trips etc. payment should be by cheque and made payable to **Aston Clinton U3A Travel**. **Cash payments can no longer be made.**

MONTHLY MEETINGS at ANTHONY HALL 2.30 till 4.30		
December 20 th	Ray Walton	Male Voice Choir
January 17 th 2017	Hugh Granger	Amazing Frauds and Swindles
February 21 st	AGM	

Flower Arranging

Our flower arranging meeting in December ONLY is 12.30 - 4.30pm.
There will be NO MEETING in JANUARY 2017. Normal meetings resume from February.
Gaynor E.

Intermediate Walking Group

Thank you to all who have supported this walking group. For us to continue we do need people to lead walks.
We would like to thank Maggie and Brian who have helped us out.
Maggie's walk was a 'Who done it' in Wendover, it made us look carefully to be able to find the clues and explore more of Wendover.
We wish you the Season's Greetings and hope you have an enjoyable Christmas. *Jean & Mary.*

Report on Stroll to Buckland Canal Bridge

On Wed 23rd. 18 members came for our stroll from the Buckland Hall Gate to the Canal Bridge and back.
When I set the date I did not know about storm 'Angus' and so was expecting very few takers. In the event the storm had passed on and though the wind was predicted to blow at 10 knots from the North East, it was in fact little more than a light breeze. We met 2 horses on the canal bridge and the rider said that they always stop on the bridge to have a look around. We gathered on the bridge for a group photo before returning to Buckland Church for tea and cake made by Frances F. Many thanks Frances for your effort. I don't think we can fit in another stroll before the New Year so in January I propose to go to the National Trust café overlooking Dunstable Downs. The walk here has a hard surface that a number of our strollers prefer at this time of the year. A Happy New Year to all. *Ralph W.*



Other U3A's If anyone is interested in "Extreme Visits", Weston Turville have a few vacancies for Surfing & Rock Climbing. Details on their website. Also Wendover U3A is running a "Salsa" Class. Details on their Website