



Aston Clinton U3A

Charity Number 1115424

Information

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February 2017

Houses of Parliament Friday 24th March.

This trip is now full; any reminders about time and itinerary will be next month's newsletter.

Thank you to everyone for paying so promptly. *Trina S.*

St. George's Day Lunch – 23 APRIL

Plans are well in hand for this event with the venue and entertainers already booked. We will have a three course dinner [each course with 3 options] plus coffee/tea and mints. The programme and menu will be circulated in advance for you to make your selections. You buy your own drinks.

There are a few places left available so please let me know of any more takers – I will hold a reserve list if oversubscribed.

The cost will be £30 per head and I would appreciate payment in full as soon as possible and by the March general meeting at the latest – cheques made payable to **Aston Clinton U3A Travel** please. *Geoff E.*

The History Group

The next meeting is on Tuesday 28th February at 2:30 in the Anthony Hall. Phil Storr will give a talk titled "Dizzy". The talk is on Benjamin Disraeli, his life and the importance of Buckinghamshire and Hughenden to him.

Disraeli has been described as proud, vain, flamboyant, quick-witted, generous, emotional, quarrelsome, extravagant, theatrical, addicted to conspiracy and fond of backstairs intrigue. Add to that, charm by the bucketful and a penchant for older women. There should be plenty to talk about!

Science and technology

1. Visits to Moog rocket factory on Fridays Feb 24 and March 3. For both visits we meet at 1.00 in the Hub car park for a car share. Please check the lists. The first trip is full but there's a little space on the second.

2. 'Motorway signs and a little electronics'. Wed 29 March, 10.00 at Ericas.

Theatre Trips

Tickets are still available for: A star studded cast for Ruth Rendalls, "A Judgement in Stone" on June 1st at 2.30. Tickets: £20 (stalls) payment as soon as poss. & the musical "Hairspray", 9th November at 2.30. Tickets £20(stalls) both at Waterside Theatre. ATG are changing their group booking arrangements so I need the payments as soon as possible. *Colin T.*

Standen House Trip

Trip to Standen House and Gardens (NT), East Grinstead, Monday 08 May. Built by the Beale family the interior decor of the house reflects the 1920s. The garden rooms established by Mrs Beale have been restored to their '20s glory, each room offering something for every season. Several short walk leaflets available. Cost is £12.00 pp based on filling a 48 seater coach. Add £10 for non NT members. Payment due at, or before March monthly meeting. Any queries contact Pat W.

Reminder

Subscriptions for 2017 are now due and to remain a member they must be paid by the end of February.

Payment can be made at the next general meeting. Your membership card will then be available at the following meeting in March. Alternatively please supply a SAE with a cheque payable to Aston Clinton U3A to Ron Batts, Membership secretary, at 73 London Rd, Aston Clinton, HP22 5LD. **Please also inform me** if you have changed your email address in the past year. Ron B.

U3A Trips , Outings and Holidays**Trina S**

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Transport</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Group Leader</u>
Houses of Parliament	Friday 24 th March	Coach	£11	Trina S
St. George's day lunch	23 rd April		£30.00	Geoff E
Standon House East Grinstead National Trust	Monday May 8th	Coach	£12.00	Pat W
Beamish	3 rd October to the 6 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 are no longer accepted.**

MONTHLY MEETINGS at ANTHONY HALL 2.30 till 4.30

February 21 st	AGM	Social time
March 21 st	Dr. David Grills	The Victorian Novel
April 18 th	Richard Thomas	The Gun Powder Plot

Coffee Morning Group

For our January meeting, we had a change and met for afternoon tea at the home of Marie and Terry J. A HUGE THANK YOU, to them for making us all feel so welcome and for the delicious refreshments. We also welcomed Jo, a new member and look forward to seeing her again soon.

Our FEBRUARY get-together will be for our Valentine lunch, on WEDNESDAY 15th from 12 till 2pm. Venue the PINK HOUSE. Colour theme RED/PINK, with a prize for the best representation of VALENTINE!! (heart etc.). MEETINGS from then on start at 10.30am and not 10am and will be organised by Marie. Any questions contact me - Frances F.

Intermediate Walking Group

February and Future Walks.

Unfortunately due to personal problems we are unable to offer a walk in February and future months. As we cannot predict what will happen in the coming months we have had to take the decision that we can no longer act as Group Leaders. If any Intermediate Group members or any interested parties are prepared to take on the Leaders role we would be happy to support them along with Chris B, Groups Co-ordinator. It is not an arduous task. Jean is still prepared to send out details of walks to members on the data base we hold. Please give this serious thought I am sure no one wants to see this Group closing. Mary F. Jean S.

Knit and Natter Group

We had a very successful first meeting at the Café in the Park in Aston Clinton. We have decided to hold our meetings twice a month on a Wednesday or a Monday in each other's homes, the first home meeting being at my house on Wednesday, 22nd February, 2 to 4pm.

Some of the members have decided that they are going to do charity knitting, but of course you are welcome to do what you want including other crafts. Please bring anything you have made and would like to show off and any patterns and information you would like to share with the rest of the group.

Non-members, it would be greatly appreciated if you have a hunt in your knitting bags and see if you have yarn suitable for our charity projects. Look forward to seeing everyone again and to meeting new members. Judith J.

Stamps and used ink cartridges

Please remember to save your postage stamps and bring them to the next general meetings. The collection box will, as usual, be on the stage. Thanks *Diana*.