



Aston Clinton U3A

Charity Number 1115424

Information

July 2014

COFFEE MORNING GROUP

We meet once a month, on the third Wednesday, in each other's homes, and anyone is welcome for a pleasant social time. Our next meeting is Wednesday 16th July at the home of Janet and Ron T, from 10 am till 12 noon.

If you would like to know more about the group contact Frances F.

NEW YEARS DAY (2015) CONCERT at the BARBICAN HALL, LONDON

The programme includes The Hebrides Overture, The Liberty Bell March, Finlandia, Swan Lake Finale, the Pearl Fishers Duet (and much more) and is described as 'a traditional celebration of great classical and light-hearted music'. (The full programme will be available at the July General Meeting).

I have managed to reserve balcony seats (£27.50 each) - the acoustics are excellent in the Barbican Hall. The Box Office is prepared to hold them for us only until the end of August. I will start collecting your cheques for £39 (Inc. coach and payable to Aston Clinton U3A (Travel)) at the July General Meeting or they can be posted to me.

N.B. The August General Meeting (19th August) will be the last opportunity to pay.

Contact: Gloria C.

'One Man, Two Guvnors' at Wycombe Swan Theatre.

I have two spare tickets (£17 each) for this very entertaining play on Wednesday 3rd December (matinee performance).

Ring Gloria C a.s.a.p.

Down House and Emmett's Garden on Monday, 29th September 2014

The 63 seater coach is fully booked but nobody on stand-by!! Please note that Down House is English Heritage and Emmett's Garden is a National Trust property and the total cost will therefore be unusually complicated. If you would like to be contacted when there are places available, please make sure you are on our 'Waiting List'.

National Trust Members only - £18.50

English Heritage Members only - £16.50

Members of both organisations - £11

Members of neither organisation - £24

N.B. These prices include the cost of the coach

Please write your N.T. and E.H. membership numbers on the back of your cheques (payable to Aston Clinton U3A Travel) and remember to bring your membership cards for English Heritage and/or National Trust with you on the day!

Full details can be found in the June Newsletter!

Contact: Gloria C or Erica G

U3A Trips, Outings and Holidays 2014

Gloria C				
<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Transport</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Group Leader</u>
Down House and Emmett's Garden	29th September	coach		Gloria C or Erica G
St Albans flower festival	25th September	coach	£8.00 plus the coach	Gaynor E
New Year's day Concert Barbican	Thursday Jan 1 st 2015	Coach	£39.00 Inc.	Gloria C

MONTHLY MEETINGS at ANTHONY HALL 2.30 till 4.30

July 15 th	Alf Fisher	The Eye of the Glazier-- 60 years of stained glass design, 1000 years of history
August 19 th	David Butler	Cordite, Castrol R and the Olympics
Sept. 16 th	Paul Ranford	Isaac Newton – his life and times

Just to remind you all that the Group Leaders' Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 16th July at 2.30pm in Halton Village Hall. You are all very welcome to attend. Before I send out the Agenda, are there any items that you would like to add? Pete Shaw is going to come to discuss the web-site and the use of the Google calendar. The Newsletter is an important asset of the U3A and group leaders should use it to promote their group by advertising their activities such as trips and visits, and giving a report of any special event. I would appreciate an early reply as I feel the Agenda should go out soon.
Contact Chris B.

Science and Technology Group

Some updates and reminders for those booked on trips and one new one. Silverstone and Stowe. Wednesday 30 July. Park in the Hub and meet the coach in the lay-by at the Bell. We will meet our guide in the cafe. (There may be time for coffee) We will go round in the coach to view the track and garages. I expect this to last about 2 hours. We then drive the short distance to Stowe for lunch and time in the gardens. Please make sure that you have your National Trust cards to get in the gardens free. It costs an extra £7, 50 if you are not a member. I may have more detail for the lunch before we go.

Silverstone

I still have a few people who booked places for Silverstone and have payment outstanding.

There are a few places still available.

Contact: Colin T

Bletchley Park was a great success

We must have been one of the first groups there since it was reopened by the Duchess of Cambridge. They have kept the feel and appearance of the huts and blocks from the 1940s. Coupled with that they have used 2014 technology to illustrate the development of the code breaking and early computing. It is well worth a visit for anyone with an interest in WW2. I enjoyed the day until I had to call out the AA to my car on the way home.

RAF Hendon Museum

I have now booked a coach for the RAF Hendon museum for August 27. The cost is £13. The museum is free entry and there is snack bars available Please pay as soon as you can, but July main meeting should be the final date for settling accounts.

Contact: Colin T.

EatEasy Group

This year the EatEasy group has been studying food cultures in other countries. At our recent meeting we had an 'Italian' buffet lunch. Group members enjoyed an amazing collection of Italian-style dishes—both savoury and sweet—accompanied by wines and fruit punch.

We were able to sit in the garden and after Italian coffee (or English tea) a quiz relating to Italian food culture caused great hilarity. **Did you know** - there are 450 different Italian pasta shapes!!?

After a break for the summer our next meeting is on October 1st when the topic will be Greek food.

Contact: Diana B.