



Aston Clinton U3A

Charity Number 1115424

Information

July 2015

CAMBRIDGE TRIP MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2015

Leaving The Bell, Aston Clinton at 09:00. Depart from Cambridge at 16:30 Cost - £11.50.

The coach is full - but there is a reserve list - so don't despair if you would still like to come.

Please could I have the remaining cheques by the GENERAL MEETING ON TUESDAY 21ST JULY

Many thanks, *Jenny*.

Proposed trip to the Foundling Museum and the Wellcome Museum

London on Friday 23rd of October.

The Foundling Museum tells the history of the children's charity Coram from its beginning in 1739 as The Foundling Hospital, London's first home for abandoned children to the present day.

The Wellcome Museum displays an unusual mixture of medical artefacts and artworks exploring the connection between medicine, life and art. There is a small cafe at this museum but there are plenty of places to eat in the near vicinity, there are also four other museums all within walking distance.

The cost of the trip will be in the region of £15 if you are a national trust member and £17.50 if you are not. 40 people are needed for this trip to be viable and Pat would like the money to be paid in full at September monthly meeting. For the attention of the people who signed the interest list at last month's meeting, [the date of the trip has changed.](#)

VISITING CHURCHES GROUP

Following our visit to Chetwode and Preston Bisset on 15th July (at the earlier departure time of 1pm) our next visit will be to Tring Church on 19th August (departure 1:15pm). *Margaret B.*

Prebendal Manor and Elton Hall

Gloria organised her final trip for us on Monday 6th July with two visits to 13th century Prebendal Manor and 16th century Elton Hall near Peterborough. We left at around 8.40 and proceeded smoothly up the A1 .

A welcome cup of tea/coffee awaited us after some tricky driving down country lanes to the ancient Manor house and gardens. The owner who had bought the Manor 48 years ago gave a talk about the history of the buildings including a enormous dove cote and the various modifications that had taken place over the years. In one such obviously very ancient room we spied a modern TV. It seemed so odd. We were put into groups and another guide showed us the Medieval herb garden and described the uses of the herbs some of which are still in use today. The manor also had a small museum area dedicated to the 1st world war and local people involved and to a Zeppelin that dropped some bombs nearby. We then proceeded by coach to the Elton hall garden centre where our pre-ordered lunches had been prepared .We were organised into groups again and our guides took us for a short walk to the Elton Hall owned by the Proby family where we walked through various rooms and shown many priceless ceramic artefacts and paintings by Van Dyck, Reynolds, Gainsborough and Constable. There were many magnificent family portraits in the drawing room. Finally we went into the large attractive gardens which were in fact several smaller ones surrounded by high hedges. In the distance there was a lake and the river Nene. We had an easy journey back arriving back at 7.10pm. It was a good day out but tiring. *Ron B.*



This was a very interesting and successful day, and we all appreciate the work and trouble that went into the organising of this and all the other trips that Gloria has organised, we would all like to show our gratitude and say thank you Gloria.

U3A Trips, Outings and Holidays 2015

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Transport</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Group Leader</u>
History Group Now Open to all A day out in CAMBRIDGE	Monday 7 th September	Coach	£11.50	Jenny S
Iron Bridge Trip	Thursday + Friday October 8 th & 9 th	Coach	£103.00	Colin T
Mela Evening	Monday 2 nd November		Deposit £10.00	Maggie E

Always remember. When booking trips etc. payment should be by cheque and made payable to Aston Clinton U3A Travel. **Cash payments can only be made by special arrangements.**

MONTHLY MEETINGS at ANTHONY HALL 2.30 till 4.30

July 21 st	The Man Who Was Shakespeare.	Freda Baker
August 18 th	Rudyard Kipling	Gary Enstone
September 15 th	Army Nurse	Lt. Colonel Anton Philpott.

LINE DANCING. Our line dancing group is always happy to welcome new members to come and have a go. No dressing up (unless you want to) just be comfortable. It's fun and good exercise for body and mind. Third Monday of each month at Halton Village Hall. 10.30 - 11.30 am. Maggie E.

Digital Photography Group U3A

At our April meeting, members of the Digital Photography Group of the Aston Clinton U3A, were learning how to frame and , make 'pictures' rather than just take 'snaps.' We learned how to compose pictures using the rule of 'thirds'. The lesson which was on DVD also explained about taking portraits. Since we meet in the Baptist Church Hall it was decided to practice by taking pictures of the Baptist Church itself. As can be seen one of the pictures is of a wooden cross from Easter leaning on a wall. The Baptist Minister, Rev Simon Downing, volunteered to pose for us so we could practise our skills of portraiture. Here is the result.



Science and Technology

On the 29th July we are being taken round the Berton Solar farm. We met at .the Hub car park at 9.30. Pat Mc is party leader as I am away. If you are nearer Aylesbury you can go direct to the installation. It can be found at the end of GIB LANE in Berton. After going round a farm yard you continue along this bumpy and winding lane. If you go direct aim to be there at about 10.00. There is no meeting in August. The September meeting is at Ericas on September 30th. *Colin*

MUSIC GROUP

There is no meeting of the Music Group in August. We shall reconvene on Tuesday 1st September with music chosen by Jean S.

FILM STUDIES

I am proposing to start a film studies (Classic Films) group in October, if there is sufficient interest within the U3A. I will put out a list at the next two meeting to gauge support. If you are interested please put your name on the list. Many thanks *Pat Mc*