



# Aston Clinton U3A

Charity Number 1115424

## Information

June 2013

**Table Tennis** – Our Thursday table tennis group is getting smaller (maybe just because of holidays etc) but anyone interested in joining us please come along on Thursday afternoons (2.30 to 4.00) at the Youth Club – next to The Hub. It's fun and all abilities are welcome.

**Read and Digest** "At the last committee meeting it was agreed that the running of general trips (days out) and other travel was too much for one individual to take on and it was agreed that Aston Clinton U3A should have a Travel Team to organise our travel arrangements for the future. Consequently, the committee are hoping to recruit three or four members who would be willing to assist the U3A with this task. No previous experience is necessary, just a willingness to help out. Our trips to places of interest have been much appreciated by the membership in the past and the committee hope that they will continue in the future, However, if none of our members are prepared to come forward to share the workload such trips will become a rare event" I hope to hear from some volunteers at the next general meeting". Pat Mc

**"Keep the date"** - Monday 28 October 7.30pm. We are having another fun filled evening at Mela Indian Restaurant. We hope to take over the whole restaurant (around 60 people) so put your names down asap for a seat. Meal, tip and entertainment approx. £25 (to be confirmed) drinks extra. Vegetarian and non Indian food available. Our entertainer for the evening is Gabriela the Ukulele Lady (& comedienne). Her risqué humour is not appreciated by all!?! Maggie

**Theatre trip to Wycombe Swan** to see High Society on Wednesday 26th June, pick up times: Tring at 5.20pm and Aston Clinton at 5.30pm. I wont be at the next June General Meeting but will be back on 23rd June so ring me if you have any queries. Martin.

### **Sulgrave Manor (Former Home of the Washington Family) & Canons Ashby** **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2013. - £30 per person.**

The cost of trip includes – Coffee on arrival at Sulgrave Manor, a guided tour of the house and a 2 course lunch.

During the afternoon we will visit Canons Ashby a National Trust Property nearby. This will be free to National Trust Members but non-members will have to pay if they wish to visit the house.

We shall leave from The Bell, Aston Clinton at 9 am. Arriving back at approximately 6 pm.

Please sign the list at the General Meeting or, if unable to attend the meeting, ring Shirley

### **"We're not all going to Brighton"**

Sadly, due to lack of interest, the trip to Brighton on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June has been cancelled. Apologies to all those who wished to go but there were not enough people to make the trip economically viable. Pat Mc

**P. S.** However there is a **Trip to Brighton** with spare places, run by the Northchurch and Berkhamsted U3A See over for details. Ralph.

**Aston Clinton U3A On Line Calendar.** We have an on line calendar so that all ACU3A events entered on the calendar may be viewed at a glance from any internet connected computer. The events can be viewed as a week, or month view. If you left mouse click on the link below (may need to hold down the Control key, sometimes marked Ctrl, whilst clicking) then it will take you to the calendar.

<https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=acu3acalendar%40gmail.com&ctz=Europe/London>

If you run into any problems when trying to view the calendar, then please email me

## MONTHLY MEETINGS at ANTHONY HALL 2.30 till 4.30

June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Mitchell	Man's Best Friend
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	John T Smith	Amundsen, Scot and the race to the pole
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	-----	The Court System and Sentencing

**Science and Technology** Our next meeting is on the 26th June at Erica's. This is our talk on the building of the Globe Theatre and the work starting on the Jacobean theatre. I am looking forward to this being in Erica's wonderful room as Paul will be able to illustrate his talk using the joints and timber round us. Unfortunately after some discussion we have had to limit the numbers to 35. Please let me know if you are coming, if not can you please sign my green sheet at the general meeting.

I will confirm the details of the farm visit (24 July) a little nearer the time.

I had not planned an August meeting but it has been pointed out to me that U3A members are not like school teachers who have to take holidays in August. I am, therefore, suggesting a share drive trip to the canal museum at Stoke Bruern and barge trip. I know that it is old tech but it does go with our trip to the Tring pumping station. Please sign the list next week. *Colin*

**ROYAL PAVILION, BRIGHTON** – Northchurch and Berkhamsted U3A are visiting Brighton on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July and have some spare places. The cost is £28 per person which includes entry to the Pavilion. There will be time to explore Brighton too. Pick-ups are in Tring, Northchurch and Berkhamsted. If you are interested please contact Val



'**The EatEasy summer buffet** celebrated the Queen's coronation with a wonderful array of food made by group members, reflecting a red, white and blue theme.' *Diana.*

### Jaguar Trip

On Monday 20th May, 24 of the ACU3A S&T group visited the Coventry Transport Museum and then moved on to the Jaguar car factory outside Birmingham for a most enjoyable tour of the factory. We toured two units, firstly seeing how the body shell is put together, mostly by robots, of course and then on to a second factory where the body shells are fitted out with doors, glass, all of the trimmings and mated to the chassis/engine unit. No matter how many car assembly plants one visits, it continues to amaze how involved the process really is. Thoughts after the trip? So many of the Jaguar cars are exported - somewhere in the mid 80%'s. There is a huge investment by the new Indian owners but at a significant cost to jobs. Cars these days seem to be glued together! OK, they are riveted as well but using glue to bond aluminium panels together seems to be the norm. And perhaps bizarrely, for all of the order within the factory units, outside there were completed cars all over the place - there must have been method in the madness but it wasn't obvious at the time. The staff at Jaguar did the company proud and we were well looked after - a memorable experience." *Geof.*