



Aston Clinton U3A

Charity Number 1115424

Information

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March 2017

Houses of Parliament - Friday 24th March

Our coach will leave The Bell at 1.15 to ensure we arrive in time for our timed entrance. If we are early we can use the cafe inside the House of Commons. As this cafe will be closed at the end of our visit, our coach company has given us permission to eat a snack on the coach. We can leave food/drinks on the coach so we don't have to carry the bags round with us.

As we have to go through airport type security we have been asked not to carry scissors, pointed objects or sprays. Mobile phones have to be switched off. We can take cameras but can only take photos in Westminster Hall and St Stephens Hall.

We have to go in two groups, 4.25 and 4.30. I'll give a slip of paper with your time and my mobile number when you board the coach. We can only have 25 people in each group, I'll be going with the first group and Shirley M will be leading the 4.30 group. *Trina S.*

St. George's Day Lunch – Sunday 23rd April

There are still a few places left so if you fancy a grand three course dinner do let me know – I will hold a reserve list if oversubscribed. It is only £30 per head with payment by the March general meeting at the latest. *Geoff E.*

Standen House Trip – Monday 8th May

We now have a full coach with a short waiting list so for those who have not paid I need your cheque for £12 at the March meeting please. Also if anyone going has NT life membership could you let me know with a view to taking in the only non-member on my list as your visitor. *Pat W.*

Mela 2017

I appreciate that this is very early but I have provisionally booked Mela and DOLLY PARTON for Monday 6 November. For those who have not joined us before, this is a fun evening with a meal - mild Indian, very plentiful and tasty, OR Chicken and chips, or similar - together with entertainment held at Mela Indian Restaurant, Aston Clinton. In order to confirm the booking with Dolly I need to have deposit cheques of £20 (made out to Aston Clinton U3A Travel) by the *April general meeting at the latest*. The total cost will be in the region of £38. This will include the meal and the entertainment (and tips) but not your drinks. Sorry to have to ask for money so soon but these "big" stars get booked early! *Maggie E.*

Science and technology

Wednesday, 29th March, 10 am at Erica's - Patrick O'Connor speaking about 'Motorway signs and Electronics'. Please note that our May meeting entitled 'TV Graphics', scheduled for 31st May, has been moved to the Friday (2nd June) 10am at Erica's.

I will have the list for signing for the August 30th coach trip to the Frank Whittle Museum in Coventry at the U3A Main meeting. This trip will cost £22 (includes entrance).

For the complete S&T programme please see the website. *Colin T.*

History Group

Our next Meeting is on Tuesday 28th of March at 02:30 in the Anthony Hall. The speaker will be Susan Fern who is the curator of the Buckingham Old Gaol Museum. Her title is "Anglo Saxon Treasure at the Buckingham Old Gaol"

As well as speaking about the museum she will talk about the Lenborough hoard which has been successfully acquired by the museum. Susan is very good speaker so please come along. Everybody welcome.

Phil S.

Theatre trips

I now have the tickets for those who have paid for 'A Judgement in Stone' and they will be available for collection at the March main meeting. There are still a few tickets available for the musical 'Hairspray' in November. *Colin T*

U3A Trips , Outings and Holidays				
Organiser - Trina S				
Destination	Date	Transport	Cost	Group Leader
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 can no longer be made unless by special arrangements.**

MONTHLY MEETINGS at ANTHONY HALL 2.30 till 4.30		
March 21 st	Dr. David Grills	The Victorian Novel
April 18 th	Richard Thomas	The Gun Powder Plot
May 16 th	Matthew Armitage	Tooley's Boatyard

Visiting Churches Group

Our first visit in 2017 will be in the afternoon of Tuesday 11th April to All Saints Church, Buckland. Please confirm your name on our list of members at the March monthly meeting if you intend to come along, or speak to me if you wish to join our group. Margaret B.

Coffee Morning Group

On February 15, the coffee morning group enjoyed a delicious lunch at the home of Frances and Rob F. There was a St Valentine's Day theme with everyone wearing red or pink and a competition for the best heart design. Our grateful thanks to Frances and Rob for organising this lunch and to everyone who brought food. Also, a big thank you to Frances for running the group during the past years.

On 19 April the coffee morning will be at Marie and Terry's home. Note that the coffee mornings now start at the later time of 10.30. *Marie J.*

Spring Coffee Morning

Everyone is welcome to come to our Spring Coffee Morning Tuesday 11th April, 10-30 Till 12-30 at the Anthony Hall. Please come and have a chat; this is an opportunity to meet Group Leaders and find out more about our interest groups. **EVERYONE** is welcome. We hope to see you there.

A successful start to the new Knit and Natter Group

Thanks to all who came to the very successful meeting on 22nd February and our second meeting at Pat L's house on Monday, 6th March. We have sent 52 knitted chicks to raise funds for a Manchester Children's Hospice (see picture).

The next meeting is at Rosemary S's on Wednesday 22nd March. Please tell me if you are coming so I can let Rosemary know, and contact me for details.

Look forward to seeing you all again. *Judith J*

