



Aston Clinton U3A

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Information

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May 2017

KewGardens – Monday 3rd July

Please may I have your final payment of **£11.50** for the Kew trip, at the **May** general meeting. If you will not be at the meeting please contact me. We will be leaving Aston Clinton Bell Pub at 9.30 and should arrive back in Aston Clinton around 5.00. There are cafes/restaurants at Kew but if you want to take a picnic there are plenty of benches available. If you wish to take advantage of the land-train that can be booked on arrival at the gardens. I am not sure if I will be at the June meeting. If I am unable to attend, do call me after 22 June if you have any last minute queries. *Maggie E.*

Science and Technology

The next S&T meeting is on Friday 2nd June. This is our normal Wednesday of the month meeting but moved to the Friday. Our speaker is Vicky Woods on TV graphics. 10.00 at Ericas.

The Greatmore (refuse to electricity) and Amazon trips are now full. I have a couple of spaces left for the Coventry Air Museum (August), please see the lists at the general meeting.

I do have a double and a single room available for Beamish. The cost is £310 each plus a supplement of £50 for a single room. Reminder for those already booked - final payments are due by the start of July. Colin T.

Theatre trips

I have reserved 10 seats in the front stalls. (£27.50 normally £37.50) for the new musical "Son of a Preacherman" based on the music of Dusty Springfield. This Craig Revel Horwood funny and touching new musical is for next March (7th). Names now and payment in 3 months time. For other shows including the RSC's touring production of the hit musical Matilda and availability see the lists at the monthly meeting. *Colin*

History Group

The History Group will meet on Tuesday 23rd May in the Anthony Hall. Meeting starts at 2:30. The speaker will be Dennis Trebble who lives in Aston Clinton and is involved with The Heritage Park Pitstone Museum. His talk is "LLanharry – the effects of industrialisation on a rural community in South Wales". Although not in the Welsh valleys, this talk will cover the impact of mining from the beginning up until the modern day. *Phil S.*

When writing cheques please take care!

I was responsible for a big hold-up at the bank last week. Always make cheques out to **Aston Clinton U3A Travel** (not, for example, U3A Outings). Make sure you fill in **five** items (date, payee, written amount, numeric amount and your signature). In particular write the numeric amount clearly in its box. The automatic teller reads the numeric amounts and adds them up so that the total should match my paying in slip. If there is a problem then the human teller has to plod through all the cheques to determine what has gone wrong. Thanks – Pete.

Contributions for June newsletter

Ralph is on holiday in June so please send all contributions to me, Pete Shaw. My email address is pete@pete-shaw.com.

Discussion Group

Change of Meeting Date. The June meeting will be held on **Thursday 8th June** 10.30 - 12.30 (A.C. Bowls Club have an important event on the 1st June). *Richard.*

U3A Trips , Outings and Holidays

| Trina S | | | | |
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| Destination | Date | Transport | Cost | Group Leader |
| Kew Gardens | Monday 3 rd July | Coach | £22.00 Approximately | Maggie E |
| Beamish/ Full Payment by July. | 3 rd October to the 6 th October | Coach | twin room- £310pp, single room - £365. | Colin T |
| Mela Dinner | Monday 6 th November | | £20.00 Deposit | Maggie E |
| Coventry | August 30 th | Coach | £22.00 | 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.**

MONTHLY MEETINGS at ANTHONY HALL 2.30 till 4.30

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| May 16 th | Matthew Armitage | Tooley's Boatyard |
| June 20 th | Tony Hawkins | Seeing it My Way |
| July 18 th | Alan Wise | Achieving the Happiness and Good Health You Deserve |

Data Protection Act

You need be aware of the data protection act that requires the U3A to protect and limit its use of personal data. The data we hold is currently maintained on a computer and only used for contact purposes in connection with the U3A and circulating information on its activities. This data has strictly limited access on a need to know basis and gift aid tax reasons. If you should leave the U3A that data will be destroyed.

Coffee Morning Group

The next coffee morning is on Wednesday May 17 from 10.30 at Diana and John B's house. On Wednesday 21 June the coffee morning will be at Caroline D's house. Please sign the lists if you are at the general meetings. Some new members of the group would be welcome. *Marie J*

St. George's Day Lunch

On Sunday 23rd April Aston Clinton U3A held its first St. George's Day Lunch at Chiltern Forest Golf Club. It was a lovely April day with the surroundings on the edge of the Chilterns showing the countryside at its best with the new fresh green shoots of spring on display. On entry, we were greeted by our chairman Roger Colebrook and his wife Janet who presented roses to the ladies and button holes to the men. We were then shown to our tables by either Bernard or Terry. After time to circulate and chat we were welcomed by the organiser, Geoff E. Our chairman Roger then proposed the loyal toast. After the first course we were entertained to several monologues by member of our group and after the main course an "English Cabaret with James and Grahame" entertained us with very English traditional songs which ended with the National Anthem to our Queen. After dessert, Geoff provided the answers to a short history quiz, with the winning table receiving a box of Roses Chocolates and the losers a bag of wine gums! Finally, after coffee, Roger proposed thanks to Geoff for organising such a pleasurable event. I'm sure we all agree – it was very successful indeed. Many thanks Geoff.

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