



Aston Clinton U3A

Charity Number 1115424

Information

September 2016

MELA EVENING

Monday 24 October. Final payment of £19 each please either at the September or October meeting. Please make your cheques payable to "Aston Clinton U3A Travel "(cheques only please) and write on the back any dietary requirements. You can order Chicken and Chips if you prefer not to have Indian food, although that will be fairly mild. The only thing you will have to pay for on the evening are your drinks. Please note: Time 7 for 7.30 - but please do NOT arrive at the restaurant before 7pm. *Maggie E*

Christmas Trips

This year, we are considering a new trip in December to the **Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew** – see details below. The Kew visit would be in the early evening, leaving Aston Clinton probably mid-afternoon.

We need you to tell us whether you would be interested in doing the Kew visit on a date in December either **instead of** our usual trip to the **Museums**, which would probably be on Monday 28th November, or **as well as** it. More details of Kew will be available at the General Meeting next Tuesday and there will be an interest list for you to express your preference. Please think about before then. *Chris B*

Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

This Christmas, Kew will once more transform into a magical, after dark explosion of festive colour. More than 60,000 lights will feature along a mile-long trail which will meander through the world-famous Gardens to create a breath-taking botanical display.

The trail will start and end at Victoria Gate and there will be shops and cafes open. Along the trail itself, toasted marshmallows and roasted chestnuts will be available. The trail is along flat, tarmacked pathways and is fully accessible for wheelchair users.

VISITING CHURCHES

ST MARY'S, AMERSHAM - 21ST SEPTEMBER 2016 Our visit on Wednesday 21st September 2016 will be to St Mary's Amersham. Our speaker, Mr. Howard Hughes, will commence at 2:00 p.m. Many of you will drive direct to Amersham, but members who need a lift should gather at the Five Bells car park, Weston Turville, from 1:10 to leave by 1:20, sharing cars. Would some car drivers willing to give lifts also please join us there. Passengers please donate up to £2 each to drivers (after returning to base). There is NO parking at the church, but the west door will be opened to allow disabled passengers to be dropped off there. Drivers please use hazard lights for safety. There will be a £5 collection per person for the church funds, tea included. If you intend to join us for this visit, would Aston Clinton members please contact Margaret, and Weston Turville members please put your name down at the next monthly meeting.

History Group

Our next meeting of the History Group will be on Tuesday 27th September at 2:30pm in the Anthony Hall. Our Speaker will be Brett Thorn from the Bucks County Museum and will be on The Romans with particular emphasis on the Archaeological work done at Yewden villa.

Hope to see you all there. *Phil.*

U3A Trips and Outings and Holidays				
Trina S				
<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Transport</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Group Leader</u>
Lyndhurst, New Forest	5,6 & 7 October	Coach	£210.00	Colin T
Mela Meal	Monday 24 th October		£19.00	Maggie E

Always remember. When booking trips etc. payment should be by cheque and made payable to Aston Clinton U3A Travel. **Cash payments can no longer be made.**

<u>MONTHLY MEETINGS at ANTHONY HALL 2.30 till 4.30</u>		
September 20 th	David Richards	Brunel's Dad
October 18 th	Capt. William Wells	Maritime London
November 15	Richard Thomas	Gun Powder Plot

INTERMEDIATE WALKING GROUP

We have walks planned for the following dates. Further information will be sent via e-mail to those on the Intermediate Walkers list.

Thursday 22nd September 10am - Western Turville Reservoir meet 10.am in the Lay-By.

Tuesday 11th October – Wendover, Details to follow.

Friday 28th October - Ashridge Rangers guided 'Foresters Walk' in Ashridge.

Mary F

Science and Technology.

Brickworks. September 28th. They inform me that they only accommodate about 15 at a time so I have arranged a second visit on the Thursday, 29th. If you can do the Thursday please let me know as soon poss. They have also said that to fit with their work pattern it would be better for us to arrive at 11.00. I would, therefore, suggest we meet at 9.45 and have coffee before we go.

Our **October** meeting is on the Art and Science of Pyrotechnics (fireworks).

Everything is set up for the New Forest but there are a few members who have not paid for the Mary Rose. If you are wanting to view the new museum and MR please let me have your £13.50 urgently as we have to pay by 21st September. I will have itineraries at the general meeting if you have not yet received yours.

Regards *Colin T*

Coffee Morning

Thanks to Marie and Terry for stepping in and hosting the August Coffee meeting.

The SEPTEMBER MEETING is Weds 21st at the home of Caroline. We chat and talk about our families, holidays etc. everyone welcome. *Frances F*

ASTON CLINTON U3A TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION



A **big thank you** to everyone involved in any way in our 10th anniversary exhibition. It was certainly well attended with many potential new members visiting in the afternoon. I'm glad we didn't have a Best Group Stand competition, it would have been impossible to pick just one; so much imagination and hard work had gone into them all. See you all at the next general meeting! Maggie (chairman)

We have received numerous letters of congratulations - here are a few of them:

"I would like to congratulate you and the rest of the Committee for the excellent show today and also the Group Leaders who provided great displays for their group subject. I hope the neutrals who attended also felt it was something for them, and join up."

"Please could you pass on my congratulations to your team especially yourself, Colin and the AV team. Yesterday was a resounding success and I was very proud to have had a hand in kicking it all off ten years ago. Several of the people who visited were kind enough to acknowledge that too. Most importantly please make sure the women who manned the kitchen get a special pat on the back. They were unfailingly cheerful, catered brilliantly to all the fussy foibles of the customers and never stopped smiling. Very well done to all of you."

Two new members of ACU3A have asked for these comments to be passed on: "We were really impressed with the standard of displays and the work and commitment to the U3A from the Group Leaders and committee. There are an impressive amount of activities available to the members."

On page 4 is an excellent report submitted by Janet Cato

EXHIBITION OF INTEREST GROUPS

On 16 August, instead of its usual monthly general meeting, the ACU3A staged an Exhibition of Interest Groups in the Anthony Hall and invited the public to come along and meet the Group Leaders so that the scope of each activity could be explained and new members invited to participate. Some twenty displays were created to reflect the variety of current interests:



Flower arranging	Theatre trips
Computing & IT	Scrabble
History	Movie making
Birdwatching	Wildlife
Discussion group	Visiting churches
Food technology	Science & technology
Scrapbooking	Walking
Music for all	Dining out
French improvers	Digital photography
Art	Railway Modellers
Family History	Film Studies
Gardening,	Languages
Coffee Mornings.	

In addition, Roger Colebrook, Leader of the Movie Making Group, presented a video of the interest group activities that could not be staged in the hall, such as line dancing and table tennis, prefaced by a short introduction from the Chair of ACU3A, Maggie Evans, welcoming everyone to the Exhibition. His film perfectly illustrated the professional-looking result that can be achieved using a relatively inexpensive hand-held video camera with modern editing software. Roger plans to re-launch the Movie Making Group the Autumn, which has already attracted a number of new recruits as a result of the Exhibition.

The model railway display attracted a great deal of interest with its fully functioning rolling stock, both ancient and modern. The design and development of locomotives over the ages was particularly fascinating.

The Exhibition was extremely well attended, both by the general public and members of neighbouring U3A Groups (Tring, Weston Turville, etc.) who were particularly interested in developing activities for their own members.

Congratulations and thanks must go to all those involved in the tremendous amount of preparation work that went into making the Exhibition such a great success.

Janet Cato
August 2016