



# Aston Clinton U3A

Charity Number 1115424

## Information

January 2013

Chairman; Richard W Vice Chairman; Pat McR. Treasurer; Geoff P. Secretary; John B. Membership; Doreen L. Members, Maggie E, Gloria C, Richard B, Janet T, Ralph L.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY** Thank you to all members who have paid their subscriptions for 2013. PLEASE COLLECT YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARDS (IF YOU DO NOT ALREADY HAVE THEM) at the January monthly meeting REMINDER to the 80+ members who have not yet paid. Your fees were due on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013.

You may pay at the January meeting, or post them to me THIS MONTH. Please inform me, by telephone if you do NOT intend renewing this year.

**Railway Modellers Group:** If you are interested in railways then come along and join our small group. All scales, gauges, European and USA are welcome. Rivet-counters welcome but must have a sense of humour !. We meet on first Tuesday of each month from 2pm, usually for a couple of hours. Call Geoff E

**Urgent Notice For Flower Arrangers.** Change of meeting Day and Date. From February every 3rd Monday 2.30-4 pm. Next Meeting Mon Feb 18th 2.30 at Buckland Hall. (No meeting in January) Arrangement Entitled "WINTER". Any shape using natural materials. i.e. flowers, foliage, twigs etc. to depict this. I am sorry for the change and hope you can all make the new day. Happy New Year All. *Frances*

**Science and Technology, Staying On Track.** Barny Daley, Network Rail Head of Reliability of Infrastructure (Rail, signalling and overhead wiring) is an electronics graduate and was Head of signalling on the West Coast line. He will talk about his career and give us an insight into what happens behind the trains. His talk will be illustrated and will not be too technical. Open to all on Wednesday January 30, at 10.15. a.m. Halton Village Hall Entry £1. Our talks will now be held on the last Wednesday of the month at 10.15. I will let members know if this changes. *Colin T.*

**On Sunday 9th December** a party of 33 went to The Royal Festival Hall to hear Handel's Messiah. It was brilliantly sung by The London Chorus with The Mozart Festival Orchestra in 18th century costume and the whole audience stood up in the traditional way when The Hallelujah chorus was sung. To cap it all we had an uneventful journey with no snow!

**Our next theatre trip** is to The Theatre Royal, Windsor to see Wilkie Collins' classic ghost story called The Woman in White on Saturday 9th March, 4.45pm. Tickets, in the Royal stalls including the coach are £34 ea. There are 6 tickets left. Will those who put their name down at the last meeting but have not paid please give me your cheque by or at the next General meeting on 16th January. Thank you for your cooperation. Any questions ring me. *Martin Y,* A Happy New Year to you All. *Martin*

**General Trips:** The first trip of the year will be to The Historic Dockyard at Chatham in Kent possibly on Wednesday April 23rd and is being arranged by Geoff P. There will be more information on this in the next newsletter. The programme for the year has yet to be finalised but I anticipate that we will have a number of trips in 2013 including the following: A Thames River Tea Cruise, A visit to Cannons Ashby, a National Trust house in Northamptonshire, a London History Tour with City & Village Tours, a do what you will trip to Worcester and hopefully a trip to London or a Christmas Market in December. Obviously, I will keep you informed as the arrangements progress. *Pat Mc.*

**Monthly Meetings;** checking in at monthly meetings will be by **Membership Card** only. Please ensure that you bring it with you.

**Have you checked the expiry date on your driving licence recently?**

PCSO Wendy Taylor attended her usual Have Your Say meeting at Whitchurch Surgery where an incident relating to driving licences was raised. In talking to members of the public she found that several people had not realised the new photo licences run out every ten years and over 70's need renewing every 3 years.

Have you checked your licence recently? Wendy found that some she looked at were two years out of date. This means drivers are not insured and, if stopped by the police, vehicles will be impounded at considerable cost to the registered owner. It is **your** responsibility to ensure licences are valid.

Please do spread the word so that friends and family are not caught out.