



Aston Clinton U3A

Charity Number 1115424

Information

April 2014

Keeping you in the Loop - Those of you who were at the last meeting will remember that I mentioned the possibility of moving our "General Meetings" from the Anthony Hall to Green Park in Stable Bridge Road. Since that meeting the committee have visited the site and asked them to draw up a contract to allow our use over the coming years. We have now received their proposals and regretfully the committee are unable to agree with many of their requirements. In short, they may not be able to accommodate us on the same day every month and whilst the room rental is acceptable for 2014 we would be confronted with a 50% rise in 2015 and another 50% rise in 2016. There would also be charges for using their equipment and a charge of £1.65 p per person for a cup of tea or coffee. To agree to their proposals would require a significant increase in our subscriptions or a significant depletion of our financial reserves, neither of which the committee felt to be viable. I have asked Maggie E & Colin T to explore the possibility of negotiating more reasonable costs. In the event that is not possible, I regret we will not be able to make the move. I will keep you in the picture if we are able to negotiate better terms. Pat Mc (Chairman)

Art Group There is now room for a few more members to join this group which meets every Monday at Buckland Village Hall.

There are occasional demonstrations by well-known local artists, and the group welcomes all-comers. Whether you are a complete beginner or have painted previously, and whatever the media, if you would like to know more about the group just come along to the hall any Monday morning between 9.30 and 12 noon.
Joyce M.

Science and Technology have a busy time coming up:

1. Arla Friday 25th April. - meet at the Hub new car park at 9.30. Please do not go straight there as this will cause a problem with security. I have to do the check before we arrive. We will car share and go via the lower Icnield Way so that we arrive together.
2. Keeping Computers Safe. Dave Oxley from McAfee. A 24 hour operation as the bad guys don't go to bed! 10.00 at Erica's. 30 April.
3. Please pay for Bletchley Park (£17. 50) and Silverstone. (£25.00) Either at the April General meeting or post please, *Colin T*

TRIP TO STOURHEAD NATIONAL TRUST HOUSE AND GARDENS - MONDAY 30TH JUNE 2014

The trip to Stourhead is now fully booked but if you are interested and do not have your name down I can put you on a reserve list.

Cheques for £15.00 should be made payable to Aston Clinton U3A Travel and given to Mary R.

SILVER VAULTS AND CHURCHILL WAR ROOMS - WED 21ST MAY PICK UP AT THE BELL 8.30 AM

I now have 3 tickets available so please get in touch if you would like to come. Tickets are £21 each including entry to the War Rooms, Silver Vaults free. Martin Y.

The High Wycombe Croquet Club is based at Hazlemere Recreation ground on the A404 Amersham Road (look up the website for further details). It is available to all U3A groups every week on a Wednesday afternoon from 2 – 4 pm (except on the 4th Wednesday, when it is from 10 am to noon). The first session will start on April 16 and continue until the end of September. The club has two courts and all equipment will be provided (players only need to wear flat shoes, trainers are usually satisfactory). A member of the club will always attend to hand out the playing equipment and provide any instruction. As this is a private club there will be a charge to each player of around £5 for each Wednesday session.

POETRY FOR PLEASURE The next meeting will be on Friday 9th May at 10.30 am. Subject: **Animals and wildlife.** Sue Y.

U3A Trips, Outings and Holidays 2014				
☎ -- Gloria C				
Destination	Date	Transport	Price	Group Leader
Silver Vaults and War rooms	Wednesday 21 st May	Coach	£21.00	Martin Y
<u>Pam Ayres at Waterside theatre</u>	Saturday 10 May 7.30 pm.	Contact Group leader	£22.00	Maggie E
Stourhead House and Gardens	Monday 30 th June	Coach	£15.00	Mary R

MONTHLY MEETINGS at ANTHONY HALL 2.30 till 4.30

April 15 th	Nigel Wright	Guild Life and the York Mystery Plays
May 20 th	Fran Sandham	A solo walk across Africa
June 17 th	Keith Baldwin	All the Queen's Horses and all the Queen's Men (& women)

Aston Clinton U3A invade Jane Austen's House

The Weather was superb
 The Coach was new
 The Company was great
 The Guide was fantastic
 What more could you ask for?
 Thanks Pat, for organising this Trip



Music Appreciation - Do you like listening to music? Classical, Jazz, Opera, Rock, Pop, The Blues, Country and Western or whatever floats your boat. If you do, I am proposing that we start up a "Music Appreciation Group". I will put out an interest list at the next general meeting. If you are interested add your name to the list and if there is sufficient interest I will endeavour to get the group up and running. If you are unable to attend the general meeting and wish to express an interest please give me a ring. *Pat Mc*

Trips Forum - As you may know, I have now taken over responsibility for coordinating trips from Pat. I have already made enquiries for trips to a number of very interesting places and am looking for a small group of our members who are prepared, with guidance, to take responsibility for running one of them. Clearly, I cannot do it all myself and if we are to continue a similar quantity & quality of trips as we have in previous years it is essential that some of our members come forward to help with the arrangements. If you feel you can help out please get in touch. Contact *Gloria C.*

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<http://acu3a.weebly.com/>