



# Aston Clinton U3A

Charity Number 1115424

## Information

June 2016

**Science and Technology**, Wednesday 29th June: The National Space Centre in Leicester.

There are still places if anyone wishes to join us. Wednesday 27th July: Janet Cato talking and showing her film on Antarctica and tall ships, 10.00 at Eric's.

The August meeting is a visit to the Paper Mill at Apsley. I need numbers but I think we will pay on the day.

Arrangements are nearly complete for our October trip to the New Forest area. I will send out the itinerary soon.

If you wish to come to the Christmas Dinner at Pendley Manor on 9th December, please sign the list and pay the £8 deposit.

Theatre visit: If you would like to see the open air production of The Tempest at Pendley in August, please sign the list. I will aim for the Tuesday. I hope to have more detail at the monthly meeting. Colin T

### **THE GREAT STINK, TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER**

We still have a few places available for this unique trip. The Crossness pumping station is only open to the public for a few days each year and we have been lucky enough to have obtained one of them.

This tour begins in Central London where we learn the story of spending a penny; from Roman times to the building of Sir Joseph Bazalgettes Victorian sewer system, at the time the biggest engineering project in the world.

The tour starts in Chancery Lane with tea or coffee in a pub with (quote) the best loos in London. We have a guided walk where we hear about the jobs of toshers, flushers, gongfermors and night soil men.

We join a Thames Pleasure Cruise (and travel parallel to the sewage pipes ) which takes us to Greenwich. Here we re-join our coach and are taken to Joseph Bazalgettes Cathedral of Sewage. This building has the most fantastic ornamental iron work and beam engine; it was restored in the 1980s. There is a social side of history here as well, as families lived on site and a village with a school was built over the huge holding tanks.

We have tea and biscuits here before we join our coach for our journey home.

The cost of the trip will be in the region of £43. This covers all of the above. Bring a picnic lunch to eat whilst we are cruising on the Thames.

To enable us to confirm numbers, please pay a deposit of £10 at the JUNE meeting, with the balance to be paid in JULY. Cheques payable to Aston Clinton U3A Travel. Trina S.

**NEW! - Intermediate Walking Group**. By the time you read this we will have done our first walk. We hope those of you that joined us in Ashridge enjoyed the walk. This group is designed to cater for those members who do not wish to walk as slowly as the Strolling Group and not as far as the Walking Group. We will aim to have walks not more than 3 miles in length, at a moderate pace. Where possible we will avoid stiles and steep hills. Depending who leads the walk afternoon tea or possibly lunch could be included. We need members to volunteer to lead some walks if this group is to become successful, help to plan and walkout the walk is available, just ask. Our July 12th walk will be around College Lake. If you would like further details contact Jean S.

## U3A Trips, Outings and Holidays

Trina S

Destination	Date	Transport	Cost	Group Leader
Leicester Space Centre	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Coach	£25	Colin TI
The Great Stink	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Coach		Trina S
Lyndhurst, New Forest	5, 6 & 7 October	Coach	£210	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

June 21 <sup>st</sup>	William Fench	William, the Butler
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Alastair Lack	Travels with Auntie - World BBC
August 16 <sup>th</sup>	EXHIBITION to celebrate	10 Years of Aston Clinton U3A -see below

**Gloria Crellin** Unfortunately Gloria Crellin, one of the founder members of the Aston Clinton U3A, has decided to resign her position on the Committee. The committee would like to thank her for all her hard work, and many of you will have happy memories of days out, or holidays which she had organised over her years. [Thanks Gloria](#)

**EXHIBITION, GENERAL MEETING, August 16 2016** - some members have been asking about our August General Meeting, when we are celebrating 10 years of Aston Clinton U3A. All Groups will be exhibiting their achievements and interests on that day. We are opening the Exhibition at 11.00 am so that all members can find out more about the groups they may be interested in joining. Group Leaders and members will be on hand to give more information. Teas and coffee will served all day and the general public will be invited in during the afternoon. The exhibition will close at 4.00 pm

**MELA DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT** – Monday 24 October. Please will anyone who has not paid their deposit, and wishes to join us for this evening of good food and fun please pay £10 (deposit) each to Jeff Meeks at the June General meeting (I will be away). There are still a few places left. The entertainment will be “Flanders and Swann”. There is chicken (English style) for those who do not want Indian food although that will be mild, and plenty of variety available.

**History Group** The next meeting of the History Group will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 02:30 in the Anthony Hall The speaker will be Marion Ellis from Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies Marion will talk about “ Remarkable Women from Herts “ Everybody welcome **Phil S**

**Black Country Museum** On the 12th May, 30 intrepid adventurers set out from The Bell for a coach trip to the Black Country Museum at Dudley. We were very lucky with the weather as there was hardly a cloud in the sky all day, and the journey was incident free. It was just the right sort of day to wander slowly round examining the old buildings and old means of transport. For many the highlight of the day was canal trip through underground tunnels where limestone was mined and loaded straight into barges, removing the need to haul the limestone to the surface of the mine. Some members seemed to think eating traditional fish and chips from paper cones was a comparable highlight. *Pete Shaw*

