

# **Aston Clinton U3A**

Charity Number 1115424

## Information

March 2015

#### **AGM 2015**

The new committee elected at the AGM for 2015, is as follows;

<u>Chairman</u> Maggie Evans; <u>Vice Chairman</u> Christina Burrows; <u>Secretary</u> John Bullard; <u>Treasurer</u> Pete Shaw; <u>Other Members</u>

Gloria Crellin. Ralph Ludlow. Colin Tufnell. Ron Batts. Trina Stallwood. Shirley McRory.

Having taken over the role of Chairman from Pat (a hard act to follow!) My hope is for our U3A to continue to thrive in the friendly and enthusiastic way in which it has ran since instigation nine years ago, thanks to all of YOU.

I will be introducing the committee to you at the March General meeting.

If you have ideas for new groups, suggestions or even complaints, please do let me or one of the committee members know so that we can take them forward. Maggie

#### **Science and Technology**

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I have now completed the programme for 2015 as below.

March 25 Dennis Trebble Sedimentary my dear Watson

April 29 Peter Mills Ashridge Timber May 27 Visit to Dunstable Gliding Club

June 24 3D printing demo.

July 29 week Backstage tour at Waterside theatre (the day may vary subject to the theatre's

availability)

August 26 Apsley paper mill – visit

September 30 CT Jointing and Sticking Please watch this space for venue as Erica's is not

available.

October 28 Brian Porter Science of photography

November 25 Barney Daley Railways (subject to Barney's availability)

I have also reserved a block of 20 seats at The Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury, for "Oh What a lovely War "for Thursday matinee 30 April. This is at a group rate of £22.50 (for £29 seats). They must be paid for by March 30<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to take advantage of this offer please let me know, by return, and then let me have a cheque by the main meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March. This is a trial to see if Aston Clinton U3A could use the long range booking system for The Waterside at a discounted group rate. Any seats not taken up by S n T members will then be offered to the wider membership on the 17<sup>th</sup> March. *Colin*.

**24th March** the History group are having a talk by George L on Battle Ships and cruisers. He suggests that as he will be talking about technical features, the S n T members would also be interested. This will be held at The Anthony Hall at 2.30. *Colin*.

#### **Proposed Trip-The Great Stink**

I'm very sorry but the trip, The Great Stink will not be going ahead this year. Enough people signed the interest list to make it a viable proposition, so I booked the trip that night; I was assured that the date was free. I have since had communication from the booking agency telling me that The Crossness Pumping Station is not able to take any bookings this year. Apologies to all who were interested. I'll try again in 2016. *Trina*.

U3A Trips, Outings and Holidays 2015				
Gloria Crellin				
<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>	Transport	<u>Price</u>	Group Leader
Magna Carta at Salisbury and More	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	Coach	ТВА	Martin Y
Iron Bridge Trip	Thursday + Friday October 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>	Coach	£103.00	Colin Tufnell

<u>Always remember.</u> When booking trips etc. payment should be by cheque and made payable to Aston Clinton U3A Travel. Cash payments can only be made by special arrangements.

### **MONTHLY MEETINGS at ANTHONY HALL 2.30 till 4.30**

March 17<sup>th</sup> Rev. John Fieldsend Kinder Transport

April 21<sup>st</sup> Andrew Hanson National Physical Labs on Colour

May 19<sup>th</sup> Gail Strewart Eric Morecombe

#### The Science & technology Group, Trip to the BBC Broadcasting House







Colin leads the way

The Group in the Today Studio

Chris talks to our guide

On Monday 16th February 50 members of our group had a coach outing to the BBC in London. Firstly we were shown the main news room - the one you normally see on the main BBC News. Round the operational area are both control rooms and small studios where the news and weather are presented live. Our guide explained how easy it is to use bright lighting and wide angle cameras to make it look much bigger and exciting. Finally several members were able to record a short play - complete with realistic sound effects. A very successful day which was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Colin for organising it all.

<u>From Weston Turville</u>; Would anybody be interested in seeing the Full Monty (Play) Thursday 26 November 2.00 matinee at Waterside. I will need to know if there is enough interest before reserving seats. Pay by date will probably be August (about £25)

Contact Rosemary: <a href="mailto:mrswills31@gmail.com">mrswills31@gmail.com</a>

#### **Planned trips**

This year is the 500th anniversary of Hampton Court Palace so I am planning a trip here on Friday 5th June, if there is enough interest. Your ticket will include entrance to the Palace, Maze and Gardens, plus an audio guide. Cost including coach should be about £24.00 if we can get a full coach.

There is a lot of information on their web site if you would like to find out more.

Two different eating places are available offering snacks of hot and cold lunches or you could bring a picnic. At the next main meeting a sheet will be available to put your names down, if you are interested in an interesting day out. *Thanks Mary R*.

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Music For All. We meet at 7.30.pm on the first Tuesday of each month at The Anthony Hall. Everyone is welcome and our programme for the coming months is as follows:

April - "A lifetime of music" - chosen by Gloria Crellin

May - "Down Memory Lane by Train" - chosen by Geoff Evans

June - "Music from the Movies " - chosen by Geoff Meek

July - "Big Bands and an Emperor" - chosen by Pat Mc

There is no meeting in August

Come and join us for a pleasant evening in good company.

#### **Hello Everyone**

We have some spaces left for the St. Patrick's Day lunch (Tuesday 17th March 12 - 3pm) at The Village Gate, Aylesbury Road, Wendover. For £25 you will have a 3 course meal plus tea/coffee and chocolates. If you would like to join us can you please email (as soon as possible) either myself or Rosemary Williams at [mrswills31@gmail.com]

Best regards Pam W.

Extreme Gourmet.