



Aston Clinton U3A

Charity Number 1115424

Information

October 2013

Situation Vacant: After many years of loyal service to our U3A, Doreen has decided to retire from her role as Membership Secretary. We therefore need a volunteer who is prepared to join the committee and take on that job. The role is to maintain our membership list (on a spread sheet) and send copies of our monthly newsletter to those members who are unable to receive via the internet. A printer and consumables & postage costs will be supplied by the U3A. If you are interested please speak with me or a member of the committee. Pat Mc

Refunds: At our last committee meeting we were asked to decide whether a member, who had paid for one of our coach trips, was entitled to a refund if they were not able to attend. As trips should be run at break-even point without a profit or a loss, it was felt that to refund monies paid would place trip organisers in an impossible position when trying to balance their budgets. It was also thought that in some circumstances refunds could lead to a trip being cancelled at short notice with deposits or total costs having to be paid to providers with the consequent loss to all who had paid to attend or our U3A as a whole. It was therefore decided that it was in the interests of all of our members that, once a trip has been paid for, no refunds will be given. It was felt that it the onus was on individual members to decide whether or not they are able to attend before they pay for trips. We appreciate that not all members will be happy with this decision but nonetheless felt it was one that we had to make

Regards, Pat Mc

Mela evening - Monday 28 October 7.30pm

Please may I have final payment for the Mela evening at the October general meeting. £11.50 each. Or please drop in or post to me. Remember this does not include drinks on the night. There is quite a bit of parking in local side roads. Call me if you need any more information.
Maggie

The U3A National Office has updated its website (www.u3a.org.uk). The site has a public area and a members' only area. Any U3A member can create an account which will give them access to the Members' Area of the site.

Regards John

THIRD AGE MATTERS (TAM) magazine

There is another opportunity for members to register to receive copies of TAM and Sources by direct mail. No payment is required at present. Contact the Secretary as soon as possible (or at the October meeting). Members already registered need take no action unless they wish to cancel.

TRIP TO KENSINGTON MUSEUMS (dropping off at Westfield Shopping Centre en route) on **MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER**, departing 9am from The Bell, Aston Clinton and leaving London at 4pm. There are still a few seats available (we've ordered the large coach!) - £10 each. Those people who haven't paid please be aware there is only the October General Meeting to hand in your cheques. If you really cannot get there please phone Gloria or Chris for an address for posting OR turn up on the day with a cheque and your fingers crossed! Gloria

U3A Trips, Outings and Holidays 2013

☎--Pat: Chris

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Transport</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Group Leader</u>
Meal and Entertainment at Mela Indian Restaurant	Monday October 28th		£15 deposit Balance £11.50	Maggie
Visit to Museums (South Kensington) or Westfield Shopping Centre, West London	Monday November 18th	Coach	£10	Chris Gloria

MONTHLY MEETINGS at ANTHONY HALL 2.30 till 4.30

October 15th

Quiz

November 19th

Michael Leach

A funny way to make a living

December 17th

Tony Brown Gordon Casbear

A touch of Glass

The Mary Rose Trip

(7.10.13). 51 members travelled to the docks at Portsmouth to experience the new exhibition of Henry VIII's flagship. Members may recall seeing it being lifted and then the water and wax spray. The half ship is now displayed along with thousands of artefacts that were recovered from her wreckage. Some of her crew have been 'brought to life' by artists and modellers and the haunting recreated faces, as they stand with



their belongings in the display, will linger in our memory. The museum is well designed to display the ship as it is now, but when it is dried out and the central wall and equipment removed, it will be superb. Members spent the afternoon on HMS Victory, The Warrior or took a round the harbour trip. I discovered a fantastic little exhibition at the back of a souvenir shop based on craftsmen in the docks. *Colin.*