

Mid-Bucks (Aylesbury) U3A

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Information Sheet for Thursday 16th August 2018

Meeting at the Community Centre

Prebendal Avenue at 1.30 for 2.00 p.m.

Editor: Dave Rogers Email editor@u3a.co

Speakers

Michael Howgate will talk on “City of London Curiosities”.

Next month, 20th September, it’s Pamela Wright on “Looking at Art – The Hidden Stories”.

Groups Co-Ordinator Jan Paver (01296 422296)

Book Club

Carolynne McKee (01296 435096)

The Book Group will be taking a break in August and resume on Wednesday 12th September at 10.30 am at 14 Waxwing Close, Watermead. The book for discussion will be “Days Without End” by Sebastian Barry.

Bridge

Val Doherty (01296 481331)

The next meeting is Tuesday 21st August as long as 4 players are not on holiday. Place of Play will be notified to members by Val.

Discussion Group

Elaine Turner (01296 582754)

There I’ll be NO meeting in August due to holidays. The group will convene again in September on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Full details will be in the September Sheet.

Family History Group

April Smart (07816295223)

We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 2.00-4.00 at 65 Thrasher Road, Aylesbury HP21 8DU. The Family History Group is going well. Some of us visited The National Archives in London on 21 July 2018 and came away with a better understanding of how to make use of the records for family history. Bring your notes, old family photos and certificates if you have any, laptops, tablets (free wifi available) etc. We currently have membership of Ancestry; Find my Past and Forces Ward Records between us.

The next meetings will be on 5 September and 19 September.

Food & Drink

Ceinwyne Jones (01296 613172)

Details of the next visit will be forwarded to those interested.

French

Bob Perry (01296 423626)

The group meetings have been temporary suspended. Any queries contact Bob.

Gadget Group

Simon Reeks (01296 482735)

A self-help group to exchange experiences and give / receive help and advice about PCs, laptops, mobiles, broadband, SatNavs, TVs etc, held at 76 Rowland Way, Aylesbury, HP19 7SW. Normally 10am for a couple of hours on the 1st Tuesday in the month. Next meetings are 4th September and 2nd October.

Gardening Group

Pat Pickering (01296 336161)

Our **September** garden visit will be to Church Barn, Church Road, Puttenham, Tring HP23 4PR. Cost will be £9 which includes refreshments and homemade cakes. Please sign up and **pay** at the **August U3A meeting**. On **Tuesday 9th October** our visit will be to Waterperry Gardens Oxfordshire. Cost £7.95 but you can use your Two for one voucher which was in the May Gardeners World Magazine.

Geography Group

Wendy & Malcolm Russell (01844 208767)

Our first meeting of the new season will be held at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 12th September, 2018 at the Aylesbury Tennis Club, Wendover Road. Betty Sharp will be telling us about her "Grand Asia Cruise & Golden Triangle Tour" with photos. All Members and friends are welcome - we just charge £1.50 per person to cover the hire of the hall and refreshments in the interval. Hope to see you there.

Local History 1

David Wilson (01296 584625 / 07972 372042)

The **September** meeting is a guided tour/history of the Natural History Museum in Tring at 10.30am on Wednesday the 5th September. The talk will last for about 30 minutes and then you are free to wander around as you wish. Cost £2 each **payable** at the **August monthly meeting**. Meet outside the main door in Akeman Street, Tring, HP23 6AP. The **October** meeting is a guided tour of Amersham Old Town at 10.30am on Wednesday the 3rd October. The walk will last for about 90 minutes and the museum opens at 12 noon so you can then visit that if you would like to at an additional cost of £3 payable to the museum on the day. Cost £6.50 each, to include tea, coffee and biscuits on arrival, payable at the September monthly meeting. Meet at the museum for the 10.30 start. For more information please telephone, see the website or see the notices at the monthly meeting.

Local History 2

Pauline Noble (01296 484940)

August 23rd - Walk around Stewkley (£3) – Meet 10.30 a.m. at St. Michael's Church, High Street North (parking along the High Street, outside the Church). **Sept 27th** - Visit to Battle of Britain & RAF Bunker, Uxbridge. £5 includes Tour of Bunker & Visitor Centre (£3 V.C. only). Meet 10.45 in café for coffee/tour 11.30. **Sign up & pay today.** **Tues 23rd Oct** – Day trip to BBC Birmingham - **Payment & form** to Pauline **today** (cheques payable to Mid Bucks (Aylesbury) U3A). Anyone else interested in the trip please phone Pauline.

Musical Appreciation

Jim Wilding (01296 623628)

Our next meeting will be at 2.30 on Tuesday 28th August at 32 Halton Lane Wendover. **New members welcome.**

Photography

Jane Elliston (01296 426892)

The next meeting is at Jane's house on Thursday 13th September We will be viewing "Freeze the Moment" pictures and Triptych photos, Please print the latter if possible. I will have some white card to display them on, but they can be viewed on TV. Please bring camera for hands on. **New members welcome.** If you are interested, please phone Jane for more details or see our statement on the website

Pub Walks

Jan Paver (01296 422296)

The next walk is at 11.0 on Thursday 6th September, meeting at the Russell Arms, Butler's Cross. HP17 0TS. The walk is fairly flat, around 3.5 miles, with a couple of stiles. Please tick the sheet if you would like to stay for lunch. **All welcome.**

Quiz Group

Doreen Wright (01296 437136)

The meeting in August is Tuesday 21 at Aylesbury Tennis Club, Wendover Road at 2.00pm. You don't need to be brainy, just come along for a few laughs. Any queries contact Doreen.

Singing for Fun (with Aston Clinton U3A)

Margaret Barker (01494 864812)

This group meets 2nd Wednesday in the month 10.30 a.m. in Halton Village Hall.

Ten Pin Bowling (Aylesbury Vale U3A)

Michael Walden (01844 291617)

This group meets every Monday 10a.m. at "The Rogue Bowling Centre" in Gatehouse Way. Cost is £3.50 per game (normally £5).

Transport History

Jim Wilding (01296 623628)

We are now taking our summer break and meet again in October. Ideas for our 2018/19 programme to either David McMahon or me during the "close season" please!

Yarn Crafters

Jasmine Reeks (01296 482735)

A social time to sew, crochet and knit. 2nd Monday in the month 10.30-12.30 *or* 14.00-16.00. Next meetings:- 3 September (due to clash with London trip) & 8 October.

U3A Diaries

Please read "Information from National Office" and see Wendy at tea-time in the corner by the Trips Table.

Next Contribution Date

Friday 14th September 2018

Mid Bucks (Aylesbury) Trips for 2018

Monday, 10 September

LONDON WITH SALLY (Blue Badge Guide)

Following on from our hugely successful visit to London last year, Sally is going to take us on another interesting trip. We will meet her at the MUSEUM FOR LONDON, where there will be time for a coffee and comfort stop. The itinerary is not yet finalised, but it is hoped to include a walk through SMITHFIELD AND THE BARBICAN. Followed by a lunch break at CAMDEN LOCK and the day will finish with a BOAT TRIP FROM CAMDEN LOCK to LITTLE VENICE.

The itinerary is finalised and the cost of this trip will be £20.00 (all inclusive except for lunch)

Thursday, 11 October

BENTLEY PRIORY AND HENDON RAF MUSEUM

As 2018 is the centenary year of the Royal Air Force we thought we would finish the year with a trip to the HEADQUARTERS OF FIGHTER COMMAND during the Battle Of Britain; followed by a visit to the HENDON RAF MUSEUM.

Costs : Cost of coach plus entrance fee to Bentley Priory (approx. £7)

***Pick up points will be:* Exchange Street: 9.00 am, Tennis Club: 9.10 am and Bedgrove (lay-by): 9.15 am.**

For further information please contact: [Michael Walden 01844 291617](tel:01844291617)

Suggested Trip to Gardeners Museum & Lambeth Palace gardens

I am thinking of arranging a trip to the Gardening Museum in Lambeth followed by a visit to the open day at Lambeth Palace Gardens next door. The gardening museum will feature a special exhibition of the iconic Flower Fairy Paintings by Cicely Mary Barker. Lambeth Palace garden covers just over 10 acres and is one of the oldest gardens in England. Refreshments and entertainment will be available at Lambeth Palace. Admission to the Museum is £10.00, Lambeth Palace costs £5.00 entry. The coach fare is approximately £20.00 per head, provided we have at least 20 people. It will leave from Aylesbury, Exchange St Stops E2/E3 at 9.45 on Friday 7 September. If you are interested please contact April Smart on 07816295223 or email apriltruscottsmart@gmail.com to book your place.

Western Turville U3A Extreme Visits

Tring Martial Arts Academy, Unit 11, Silk Business Park, Brook Street Tring HP23 5EF

Visit the above on 17th September 2018, cost £10 payable to "Western Turville U3A (Travel)". Wear loose fitting clothing or sports wear. The Dojo (training hall) is fully matted throughout so students are required to be bare footed (socks permitted). No parking at the Dojo! Before the class, all students are required to complete a Health & Fitness questionnaire. Contact the Extreme Team on 0777 150 6055 or email extreme@WTU3A.org.uk if you wish to attend – maximum of 30 students.

New Webmaster

Many thanks to April Smart who has volunteered to become our new Webmaster - any submissions for our website, including Group Leaders' monthly updates, should be sent to April at apriltruscottsmart@gmail.com. Our thanks also go to Pat Pickering who dragged us into the 21st century by creating and running our website, also to her husband Esmond who does the really "techie" stuff in the background.

Information from U3A National Office

U3A Diaries

Diaries may now be ordered from the U3A Online Shop. They cost £3, or £12.50 for multiples of five diaries (reduced to £2.50 each). Five-packs of diaries will be delivered from the manufacturer directly and will therefore arrive separately from the rest of your shop order (if applicable). Please note that **you must order in multiples of five** if you wish to benefit from the reduced price of £2.50.

Conference

There is a limited number of places still available for Conference (including some in student accommodation). If you would like to send a delegate please register them online or contact the National Office as soon as possible.

Please let your members know that AGM day, 30th August, will be live-streamed online from 09.30 until 12.30 – including the lecture by Professor Janice Thompson. All are welcome to watch, via the U3A YouTube channel, or at <https://conference.u3a.org.uk/agm>.

Visit our Website for Additional Notices

Pat & Michael Freeman run a collection service for Used stamps, Old Mobile phones and empty ink cartridges. These are donated to The Florence Nightingale Hospice Shop. You can donate your contributions to this collection at our meetings, a box is placed by the door.

EMERGENCY CONTACT CARD

In line with other U3As we are required to carry emergency contact information – no larger than a credit card. You will be asked to provide your name and contact’s name. There is provision for additional contacts and any medical information that could help first aiders or paramedics (the latter is optional). Cards will certainly be available at the October meeting if you have not already got one.

24 HOUR LEGAL HELPLINE

U3A National Office has advised us that the previous 24 hour legal helpline will cease operation on 30th September. A new provider will commence on 1st October for any U3A member who requires legal advice. The details are as follows:

**Arc Legal Assistance in partnership with Irwin Mitchell Solicitors
Telephone Number 0344 770 1040 Quote – U3A Legal Helpline**
