

**Re: u3a Information email - April**

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# u3a Aston Clinton - Information

[Up Coming Events](#)

Date	Event	Cost	Payment Deadline	Details/Contact
<b>2024</b>				
Sunday 21st April	St George's Day lunch	£25	1st April	Linda H
Tuesday 30th April	Coach trip to the Royal Opera House	£46		Liz C
Wednesday 29th May	Theatre trip - The Syndicate	£35	26th April	Graham F
Sunday 30th June	Hog Roast	-		Linda H
Thursday 4th July	Coach Trip to Brighton	£26		Liz C
Monday 28th October	Mela Evening with the Abba Girls	approx £45		Maggie
<b>Paying for Events</b>				
Note: If your name is on the event/trip interest list, <b>payment is required to secure your place</b>				
Bank Account - Aston Clinton u3a General, Business Account - Yes				
Sort code - 30-90-38, Account number - 03218530				

[A message from the Chairman](#)

As I write this note it's raining (again!), the roads are flooded and there are potholes everywhere. If this is related to climate change, as I suspect it is, the future for our children and their children is a little bleak. On a brighter note we did at least get some nice weather over the Easter weekend, the daffodils and tulips dotted around the village look beautiful, and the birds are singing their hearts out.

There are lots of events coming up over the few next months. I am particularly looking forward to the day trip to Covent Garden - the backstage tour of the Royal Opera House should be really interesting. Several of us are then heading off to Somerset for the Science & Technology residential; as always our sincere thanks to Colin and Dawn for organising this annual trip which is enjoyed by all participants. And looking further forward there will be a hog roast to look forward to and many other group activities and outings, keep checking the website!

Two of our members had a very interesting holiday in Thailand recently – I did the same trip some years ago so can attest to how amazing it is. While they were there they laid a wreath on behalf of the u3a and the Royal British Legion at Kanchanaburi cemetery beside the River Kwai where many PoWs who built the Burma / Thailand railway in WWII are buried. Look out for more on this in the next edition of Village life, hopefully.

So enjoy the warming weather (fingers crossed) and the lighter evenings. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the next main meeting..

*Freda - Chairman*

[Main Meeting – Tuesday 16th April 2.30pm at the Baptist Church](#)

Our speaker this month is Mark Niel - the unofficial Poet Laureate of Milton Keynes.  
 We look forward to a good turn-out.  
*Viv*

[Film Group - Tuesday 23rd April 7.00pm at the Churchill Hall Youth Club](#)

The April film is 'Whistle Down the Wind', starring a very young (14) Hayley Mills and Alan Bates. Confused young children wrongly identify a stranger they find hiding in their barn.

There is now an excellent Hearing Loop sound system in the Hall making the films enjoyable to those with hearing difficulties.  
 All members are welcome.  
*Maggie*

[St Georges Day Lunch - Sunday 21st April at the Chiltern Forest Golf Club](#)

All the places are now taken for the lunch. For those of you who have booked please arrive at 12.30 to enable everyone to be seated by 1pm.  
*Linda*

[Trip to the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden - Tuesday 30th April](#)

The coach will leave from the bus stop opposite The Bell at 9am for our trip to Covent Garden. There will be free time when we arrive prior to the 'Behind the Scenes' tour of the Royal Opera House.  
 We leave Covent Garden at 5pm. This trip is now full.  
*Liz - Trips Coordinator*

[NOTE: MAY Change of date for 'Music for All'](#)

In MAY there is a change of date for Music for All (chosen by Ralph). It will now be on Tuesday 14th May at 7.30 at the Aston Clinton Youth Club/Churchill Hall.  
*Maggie*

[Theatre Trips Group](#)

Payment is now due for the next trip to see Kay Mellor's brilliant new comedy play 'The Syndicate' at Milton Keynes Theatre on Wednesday 29th May at 2.30. Payment to secure tickets must be made by Friday 26th April. We hope to arrange lifts from Aston Clinton. Spaces are still available for this trip, either speak to me at the main meeting or contact me via the groups page on the website.  
*Graham F*

[Trip to Brighton - Thursday 4th July](#)

An opportunity to visit the Royal Pavilion or Brighton i360 which you would need to pre-book. You could explore The Lanes, take a trip on The Volk's Railway, or go on The Palace Pier! The anticipated coach journey time is 2hrs 15 mins. Coach cost £26. Please use the Trips Coordinator button on the website to secure your place. I will have the list at the April main meeting.  
*Liz - Trips Coordinator*