

Re: u3a Information email - March

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[Up Coming Events](#)

Date	Event	Cost	Payment Deadline	Details/Contact
2024				
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	approx £40		Graham F
Monday 28th October	Mela Evening with the Abba Girls	approx £45		Maggie
Paying for Events				
Note: If your name is on the event/trip interest list, payment is required to secure your place				
Bank Account - Aston Clinton u3a General, Business Account - Yes				
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[A message from the Chairman](#)

Well first of all a huge thank you to Peter for steering us so ably through the last three and a half years, not an easy task coming out of a pandemic, with our recent move to the Baptist church and with our increasing numbers. I'm really sorry I couldn't stay for the AGM to say this in person, very bad timing on my part I'm afraid, but it was wonderful to welcome over 120 members to the main meeting, including several new people, and fantastic that we are now able to accommodate this number. I hope everyone that attended enjoyed the talk on the Chenies and Russells, and socialising after with a cuppa. The talk in March should be equally fascinating.

As always your committee is here to help in any way we can although obviously the groups are the mainstay of our vibrant organisation. I look forward to chatting with as many of you as possible over the coming months, and please feel free to discuss any issues you may have, suggestions for improvements etc. with any member of the committee at main meetings; we can usually be identified by the wearing of a blue lanyard.

So Spring is in the air, hopefully! The relentless rain appears to have abated for a little while at least, the canal paths are not quite so sodden when I walk the dog every day, although I'm not sure the same can be said of the park just yet, and I am looking forward to getting back into the garden to start tidying and planting. Enjoy the sunshine when it finally comes to stay.

Freda - Chairman

[Main Meeting – Tuesday 19th March 2.30pm at the Baptist Church](#)

Our talk this month is 'Are Computers really smart or do we just make them look smart' by John McCormick.

We look forward to a good turn-out.

Viv

[Film Group - Tuesday 26th March 7.00pm at the Churchill Hall Youth Club](#)

NOTE: there is now an excellent Hearing Loop System in the Churchill Hall

The March film is 'The Duchess', starring Keira Knightley and Ralph Fiennes. A chronicle of the reviled extravagant life of 18th century aristocrat Georgina, Duchess of Devonshire. 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. Please contact Peter Sharp or Linda Hodges if you have not made your selection from the menu yet.

Cost is £25 pp and payment is due by 1st April at the latest.

Linda

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

A coach trip to Covent Garden for a 'Behind the Scenes' tour of the Royal Opera House, home to the Royal Ballet and Royal Opera. There will be some free time in Covent Garden. Payment of £46 will be required when you book. There are still a few places available. Please use the Trips Coordinator button on the website. I will have the list at the main meeting.

Liz - Trips Coordinator

[Theatre Trips Group - Programme 2024](#)

We have two theatre trips planned for 2024 - The Syndicate at Milton Keynes Theatre, a matinee on Wednesday 25th May at 2.30 and Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance at Aylesbury's Waterside Theatre on Tuesday 15th October. The Syndicate is a comedy based on the BBC hit series in which a group of supermarket workers win £18 million on the lottery - but does it bring them happiness? The cost of these shows depends on the numbers attending - The Syndicate is likely to be around £40 and Lord of the Dance around £60. Please register your interest via the Theatre Trips link on the website

Erica/Graham

[Mela Evening with the Abba girls - Monday 28th October](#)

An evening at Mela Indian Restaurant with the Abba Girls, by popular demand, to entertain us. If you would like to join us for a fun evening with excellent food and entertainment, please add your name to the list at the Main meeting, or contact me. Please also pay a £20 deposit (the total price will be in the region of £45 each (which includes food, entertainment, tips but NOT drinks) either by cheque at the meeting, or bank transfer - details above - with MELA as reference. This is always a popular evening and NEW MEMBERS are very welcome. We are limited to 50 places.

Maggie