

Re: u3a Information email - November

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Up Coming Events

Date	Event	Cost	Payment Deadline	Details/Contact
2024				
Wednesday 27th November	Kew Gardens Christmas lights	£43		Liz C
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				
Sort code - 30-90-38, Account number - 03218530				

A message from the Chairman

Bonfire night is behind us (for which my little dog is mightily thankful) and, dare I say it, Christmas is on the horizon. We all know it gets earlier every year, if displays in the shops are anything to go by. For my part I refuse to think about it till mid-November so I guess I better start buying presents for the grandkids soon! However your preparations are going (or not, as the case may be) I hope you enjoy the run up to the Advent season. I am particularly enjoying the colours of Autumn this year; Wendover Woods is an absolute delight at the moment and I encourage those of you that can to get out and make the most of the mild weather before it turns too cold.

I hope those going to the Christmas lights at Kew Gardens have a wonderful time and I look forward to meeting many of you at the various meetings and events in the coming weeks.

Freda - Chairperson

Membership Subscriptions for 2025

Your membership is due in January - it will remain at £17. If you are attending the main meetings you can give me a cheque there. Please make cheques out to 'Aston Clinton U3A'. I will not present cheques to the bank until January. If you use internet banking then please use: Sort code 30-90-38, Account Number 03218530 and Account Name 'Aston Clinton U3A'. Put your name in the reference field and please forward date it to 2nd January 2025. If neither of the above are appropriate please post or drop off to me.

Pete – Treasurer

A message from the Membership Secretary about Gift Aid

As a registered charity the u3a is allowed to claim tax relief on the subscriptions paid by our tax paying members. This gives our funds a boost without any charge to the members. Many of you have signed our gift aid form in the past which states that we can “treat all gifts of money” as gift aid donations. However, it is likely that your tax status may have changed over time. Whether you may have become a taxpayer recently or you’ve become a non-tax payer, we need to have this information to hand. In order to keep our records up to date, I am asking all members to take the time to let me know, preferably via the contact link on our website or use the link below, if your tax status has changed in any way.

[Contact Us - Aston Clinton](#)

Claire - Membership Secretary

Main Meeting – Tuesday 19th November 2.30pm at the Baptist Church

A talk by Charles Garland entitled 'From Vicar's Son to BBC Producer'.

We look forward to a good turn-out.

Viv

Coach trip to Kew Christmas Lights - Wednesday 27th November

The coach will leave the Bell at 3.30pm and arrive at Kew for a 5pm start. The coach will leave Kew at 7.45pm to return to Aston Clinton.

Liz -Trips Coordinator

A Message from the Chair of Thames Valley Network u3a

TVN are in the process of moving forward and, hopefully, with new ideas. We want to be a network which can assist, advise (when asked) and continue with events as we have been doing in the past. BUT to do all this we need new input.

Thames Valley Network need members to join the Committee. This is an opportunity to bring in fresh ideas and shape the future of our Network. The work is not onerous, we only meet as a committee 4 times a year and join the Reps meetings 4 times a year. Please do think about this, as without a functioning committee Thames Valley Network cannot continue. The constitution allows us to have 4 officers + no more than 5 additional committee members. To date we’ve been operating with just 3 extra! Although the positions certainly aren’t onerous, there have been times we’ve needed assistance.

Please do think about it. We’ll welcome your ideas and opinions. Contact email: chair@u3atvnetwork.org.uk

Fay - TVN Chair

Group Meeting Information

Please refer to the Group pages on the website for details of regular Group meetings. All scheduled Group meetings are also listed on the website Diary page. [Diary - Aston Clinton \(u3asite.uk\)](#)