

Travel Group Meeting Update - October 2026

The Oswestry u3a Travel Group recently met to review its finances, discuss forthcoming trips and look at ideas for future holidays.

Financial Position

Eric reported that the bank balance on 30 September was **£4,905.24**. After allowing for outstanding cheques, trip funds and three months of prepaid hall hire, the net balance was **£1,582.41**. Together with petty cash of **£155.31**, the total cash available is **£1,737.72**.

Upcoming Trips and Events

Jenny updated members on the forthcoming **Stockport trip**. Catering arrangements have proved difficult, so alternative dining options in Stockport may need to be found.

Other dates include:

- **Saturday 24 October** – A theatre performance, with one spare ticket currently available.
- **Friday 28 November** – The Travel Group's annual Christmas lunch.
- **Sunday 10 January** – A **2.15 pm matinee performance of Pinocchio** at Theatr Clwyd, costing £49 per person. Tickets are currently sold out, but Jim is keeping a waiting list.

Looking Ahead

Marjorie presented ideas for future holidays, including a **Northumbria holiday** through Jones, staying in Newcastle from **19–23 April**. The cost is £779 for a twin room or £949 for a single room.

A second option is a possible **summer holiday in July or August**, being looked at with Ian Pearson of Harry Shaw Travel.

Members also discussed longer day trips to places such as York and Leicester, as well as a possible Elgar-themed visit to Worcestershire. Rising fuel costs and single-room supplements continue to be important factors when planning trips.

Travel Group Volunteers Needed

Jenny has advised that she intends to stand down from leading the Travel Group. To allow the group to continue, a **new leader and secretary are needed**.

Members are asked to consider volunteering for these roles before the next Travel Group meeting on **Friday 6 November**.

The Travel Group is an important part of Oswestry u3a, giving members the chance to explore new places, enjoy days out and share time with friends.