



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

November 2016



NEWS FROM OUR CHAIRMAN:

DIFFERENT START TIME FOR NOVEMBER MEETING: Due to the 'bring and buy' and 'show and tell' event at our November meeting the doors will be open at 1.30pm (ish) so you get the opportunity to buy: plants, jams and pickles, cards and gifts to raise money for *Children In Need* and see what some of the groups have been up to in the last year. If you have goods for the either stands please just turn up with them on the day or let Mandi Simons know if you can't make it on the day but want

to play. There will be mince pies!

HELP REQUIRED: Would you like to be our U3A publicity officer or Treasurer? No previous experience is needed but computer knowledge of Excel and Word (or equivalent) and a willingness to learn or try new things is essential. The publicity officer would be required to submit articles to Bucks Herald and Weston Turville Times (and probably others as well but can't think of them right now) on a regular basis which represent our U3A and activities. The treasurer would be required to keep our accounts, which will include coordinating BACS transfers for membership (which we are starting in April 2017), issuing cheques, banking monies and completing the twice yearly gift aid return. Contact me, Pat Housego if you wish to discuss this further or would like to volunteer!

COFFEE MORNING for new members who have joined since September 2016: Rosemary Williams has organised a free coffee morning for our newest members to get together and meet each other. The first meeting is on Monday 30th January 10 until 12 noon at Costa Coffee, Worlds End Garden Centre. Just turn up and Rosemary will see you there.

REMINDER: There is no monthly meeting in December because of Christmas and no newsletter because I am having the month off.....Back in January. Mandi Simons

SPEAKER: Our next meeting is on Thursday 24th November when we have a talk entitled 'Sing a Century' by Andy Smith. Please don't arrive before 1.15pm unless you want to help set it all up!

U3A CHRISTMAS LUNCH: - 16th December, Pendley Manor. For those of you who are going the timing is arrive 12.30 for 1pm meal, leave by 4pm. The lunch is in The Harcourt Ballroom so head for the Banqueting/Conference Facility. It is well signposted and there is plenty of parking. There will be a bar provided for you to purchase drinks. Mary Duly, tel: 01296 623060 email: trips@wtu3a.org.uk

SCIENCE AND TECH GROUP: The Science and Tech group next meeting is a talk by Damien Campbell on GPS tracking which will be in the Chapel Hall at 2-30 PM on the 1st of December. No January meeting so on February 2nd we assemble in the chapel for a talk on the Early history of photography. We now have confirmed the following: 2nd March - Greatmoor Recycling centre, 6th April - A Paper Mill trail, 4th May - Visit to the Hemel/H Amazon warehouse. As an aside in June we are thinking of making a trip to the Chatham Dockyard; if you are interested in going on this trip but are not a member of this group please contact me, John Beer

HISTORIC BUILDINGS: Windsor Castle. Pick up points: Chandos 9.30 shops 9.35. Our tickets are not timed so you can go in as you want. We will be leaving at 4.0 pm. IF you get your ticket stamped you can return again. There is a waiting list so please contact us if you find you cannot go. Ceinwyne Jones

TABLE TENNIS: EVERY WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY: VENUE.... ASTON CLINTON YOUTH CLUB (At Aston Clinton Park) TIME... 2.30PM TO 4.00PM. Come along and play Table Tennis with us and enjoy a lot of fun and exercise. Our group was formed when Weston Turville U3A first started and is well established and consists of a mix of players of varying standards.



STANDARDS VARY BUT WE ARE NOT QUITE AS GOOD AS THESE TWO..... YET!

Contact me, John Cowling if you would like more information, or just turn up and play. All equipment is provided.

CREATIVE WRITING: The first meeting of the creative writing group is being held on Friday 27th January 2017 at 1030 to 1230 at Sue's house in Main Street Weston Turville. Contact Sue 01296 613099 or email smcmillan47@googlemail.com for address and to confirm attendance.

Remember to check the website www.wtu3a.org.uk for more up to date information and for any old newsletters and articles. Use the Search box or tag words on the right of the page. WTU3A has its own Facebook page with lots of photos on. Search for it, ask to join and within no time at all you could be viewing the albums.

GARDEN GROUP. Our first garden visit for 2017 is one we have visited before; But well worth a second visit! Small garden around a 400 year old thatched cottage. Many unusual snowdrops. Old Church Cottage, Chapel Lane, Long Marston, Tring, Herts. HP23 4QT. Saturday February 25th opening for NGS. Numbers will be given a week before for catering purposes. Pay on the day £5.00. Includes Mulled wine, muffins or cakes. Meet at Five Bells at 10.50am for car share. Leave at 11am. Garden opens at 11.30am. Please sign up this month. Gaynor Edwards

EXTREME VISITS: Slotcar Racing; 4th November – Trip Report.



An unusual day all round, to start with, most of us arrived at Northwood Hills by public transport! The venue, should you recognise it was a re-purposed S&M dungeon and we are all in favour of recycling.

The track was 41 metres long and there was a sophisticated race control system.

There were many heats to ensure everyone had raced on each of the 8 lanes and took an equal share of the marshalling (basically putting cars that had spun off back on the track).

The final race of the day Grand Prix was won by Tony Irvine, with Roger Everson and Eddie Lyon following. This was followed by some crash and burn races, where your car was not put back on the track if it spun off or hit another car that had.

Really recommended for a party venue for your grandchildren.

Tony reliably informs me that S&M stands for Scalextric and Meccano should you receive any festive invitations in future.

Indoor Karting; 10:00 2nd December – Aylesbury.



An opportunity to try out Rogue Racing's new facility and fleet of karts.

Damian has managed to negotiate us a great deal with a discount over normal concession midweek rates! £25 per racer.

Cheques to "Weston Turville U3A (Travel)" November General meeting. Event full, but only a short wait list.

Surfs Up; 10:00 20th January – Twinwood.



A chance for a winter Flowboarding (surfing / wakeboarding) experience in the warm, no expensive plane tickets required!

You don't even need to be able to swim. You are riding 2 inches of water above a soft membrane like a bouncy castle, though the photos don't need to show that.

£20 per surfer. Cheques to "Weston Turville U3A (Travel)" November General meeting.

For an Extreme experience or to add to our photo album, contact Trevor or Adrian extreme@WTU3A.org.uk Tel 0777 150 6055

OVERSEAS NEWS: Invitation from **Mid Bucks (Aylesbury) U3A** : CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE.

Tuesday 13th December 2016. Church of the Holy Spirit, Camborne Avenue, Bedgrove, Aylesbury HP21 7UE Commencing at 2.30pm and followed by tea/coffee and mince pies.

Aston Clinton U3A have spaces in their family history group. They are going back to basics to help members who are new to family history research, or who would like a refresher to help fill in the gaps. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday at 2pm in the afternoon at Halton Village Hall. For more information; contact Mary Ridgeway on 01296 631748.

Wendover U3A: Salsa Group. The group is run in St Annes Hall, Wendover on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month, from 2pm to 4pm with a tea/coffee break in the middle. If interested in attending or knowing more please contact me, Yvonne Rudge on 01296 623588 or email Yvonne.rudge41@btinternet.com.

Remember to check the website www.wtu3a.org.uk for more up to date information and for any old newsletters and articles. Use the Search box or tag words on the right of the page. WTU3A has its own Facebook page with lots of photos on. Search for it, ask to join and within no time at all you could be viewing the albums.