



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

January 2017

NEWS FROM OUR CHAIRMAN:

For those members I have not yet seen, may I wish you all a happy, eventful and healthy New Year! It has already been a busy start for some of us; planning and organising WTU3A activities for the year and may I take a moment to thank all our Group Leaders for their industry, patience and forbearance in running their respective groups for our entertainment and learning. It is not an easy job at times and we do sometimes take them for granted, but I am sure that all of us who attend groups would like to express our appreciation at what they do.



Twelve group leaders and/or deputies attended a First Aid Course earlier this month, where, amongst the laughing and hilarity in the practise bandaging sessions, we were taught what to do in an emergency medical situation.



Gaynor, our resident flower arranger, added her own touch to the head bandage, whilst Helen discovered a new way to keep her hair in place. If you hear anyone quietly singing the tunes 'Nellie the elephant' or 'another one bites the dust' be reassured that they are practising their CPR techniques! I am pleased to report, that against the odds, we all passed the course and will be awarded our certificates at the monthly meeting. A list of persons now qualified in First Aid will be placed on the U3A notice board and website. Thank you to all those who gave up a day to undertake this training for the benefit of our U3A members.

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. Pat Housego

SPEAKER: Our next meeting is on Thursday 26th January when we have a talk by Bill Hamilton entitled "Man on the Spot" based on his 50 years as a journalist and broadcaster. Please don't arrive before 2pm unless you want to help set it all up!

NEW DVD SWAP: After the success of the charity sale in November where a total of £240 was raised for Children In Need. It was decided to keep the DVD's and bring them along to the monthly meeting so that they can be swapped/borrowed by members. It will work in the same way as the jigsaw puzzle and book swap that we currently have. Ann Edwards has kindly volunteered to oversee the collection and will weed out the old ones as required. Please feel free to bring your viewed DVD's to the meeting and take some away with you!

SCIENCE AND TECH GROUP: The meeting at the Chapel with Damian which took us through the wonders of Satnav technology was an invigorating experience. The next meeting will be on the 2nd February at the Chapel hall at the usual 2-30pm and will feature 'The Early History of Photography' by Gareth Evans who was an employee of Kodak. Following this on the 3rd March we will be taking a trip to the 'Recycling/Incinerator complex' at Greatmoor near Waddesdon. This is limited to 20 and this is oversubscribed. There is a reserve list if you wish to be considered. For 1st June we have pencilled in a visit to Chatham Docks but that is only a plan at this stage. Those who are interested in and outside of the group please let me know. John Beer

CREATIVE WRITING: The new creative writing group will be held at 10.30am on Friday 27th of January at my house, telephone 01296-613-099 for address. Susan Conolly

GARDEN GROUP: There are a few spaces left for our first visit to Old Church Cottage, Long Marston, HP23 4QT. We meet on Saturday February 25th at 10.50 am for car share. Leave the Five Bells at 11am. This is an NGS Garden Open day. Garden opens at 11.30am. Pay on the day £5.00. Garden visit includes mulled wine, muffins or cake. Our March garden visit is on Tuesday 28th March to Beech House, Longwood Drive, Jordans, Beaconsfield HP9 2SS. This is an NGS garden opening for our group only. Meet at the Five Bells for car share 12.45 leave at 12.50pm. Garden visit at 1.30pm. No refreshments available at this garden visit. Price tbc beginning of March. We

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will pay on the day. Please let me know asap if you have to cancel so I can advise the garden owner. If you are making your own way to any of the gardens please let me know. More information on the gardens can be found on the NGS web site. www.ngs.org.uk More garden visits in the diary on the website. Gaynor Edwards

HOLIDAY PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR?: Book now for Jan 2018. Staying at H10 Tenerife Playa, Puerto de La Cruz, [we have stayed at this hotel many times]. Half board: £699pp. with insurance (less if you have your own insurance) deposit is £150 payable to Saga Holidays; 2 singles and 8 twins available. Extra cost: Masons coaches to/from Gatwick with pick-up points at Bedgrove, Weston Turville shops, Wendover, Ash Brook and the George and Dragon. Flights from Gatwick at 09.25 a.m. Return flight 14.05 Tenerife south. One and a half hour bus ride to hotel. If you are interested please contact—Jan French on 01296 708663

EXTREME VISITS:

Surfing & Shooting; 20th January – Trip Report.



We set off in a crisp January rush-hour for a day at Twinwoods. We spent the morning surfing (flowboarding), Damian managed to stand up, Trevor just hung around. In afternoon we shot ducks with Berettas and targets with rifles. Photos still rolling in at <https://goo.gl/photos/TZgHaEmBHsLi6beJA>. An unusual day for most, but an average day for the retired of Weston Turville

Climbing; 10:20 9th February – Big Rock Climbing Centre, Milton Keynes.

Indoor climbing taster session organised by Ken. No previous climbing experience is required or expected. £17.50 per cragsman. Cheques to “Weston Turville U3A (Travel)” January General meeting.



Indoor Karting; 10:00 10th February – Aylesbury.

Yes, two extreme events in two days – but we can't keep up this pace. Another opportunity to try out Rogue Racing's new facility and fleet of karts.



We had a large waitlist from our December outing and many who simply wanted to go back.

Damian has negotiated us another great deal with a discount over normal concession midweek rates! £25 per racer. Cheques to “Weston Turville U3A (Travel)” January General meeting.

Pizza Making; 10:00 10th March – Pizza Express Aylesbury.



Start with a welcoming glass of Prosecco, then it gets messy with a Pizza Making lesson and finishes with eating your creation.

£21.95 per pizzaiolo. Pay Pizza Express as you leave. Just a couple of places remain.

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

Remember Photos are also available to upload and save on our Facebook page: search for Weston Turville U3A and apply to join if you are not already a member.

OVERSEAS NEWS: Wendover U3A travel team – Southern Ireland holiday 2017. Wednesday 7th – Wednesday 14th June 2017, 7 nights on a half board basis. Athena holiday to Ireland staying at: Dooleys hotel in Waterford 1 night, 4 star Killarney Towers, Killarney 4 nights, 4 star Talbot Hotel Stillorgan (Dublin) 2 nights cost £665.00 per person, excluding admission charges, Deposit and first payment £265.00 per person. Please note there are twin and double rooms available for this holiday but no single rooms available without the additional supplement of £288 per person. Final payment due 1st March 2017 £400.00 p.p. + costs of visits in the region of £70. Final costs to be advised when 2017 prices are published. Travel insurance price is subject to health conditions and must be booked directly with Athena Travel. Included in the price is: travel by coach from Wendover to Ireland return, 2 sea crossings, 6 nights half board plus coach travel whilst in the area. All the hotels have a lift. Please contact Travel Team B.H. on Wendover U3A website.

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