



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

February 2017

NEWS FROM OUR CHAIRMAN: It is that time of year again when we must mention the AGM in April. We



have a few committee members standing down as they have served their time on the committee and are being 'released' back into the general U3A membership. We are now in need of a new treasurer: If you are even a little bit interested please speak to me as soon as you can so I can tell you about the role and it would allow a handover period, should you decide to take it. If anyone is interested in joining the committee I would ask that you speak to me soonest. Don't be shy, there is lots of support and it can be fun! (honest)
We are also introducing a new system for paying your membership renewals. It is very important that you do not pay any money until you receive a notification from us; as this will have a unique membership number on which you must then use if you wish to pay by bank transfer or other electronic means. No cheques or money will be taken at the monthly meetings so please don't try to pay there. Full instructions for paying will be with the notification form.

Our speaker last month, Bill Hamilton, has written a very nice letter complementing your behaviour and demeanour last month! He has asked that you be thanked and informed that all money collected has been sent to help some of the poorest and most vulnerable children in Albania and Uganda. Pat Housego

SPEAKER: Our next meeting is on Thursday 23rd January when we have a talk by Mel Rees who will be giving his talk "That's Life". Please don't arrive before 2pm unless you want to help set it all up!

TRIPS: We have arranged two new trips so far and are taking names from the February monthly meeting. A £10 deposit will secure your place on either trip. The first trip is to the **Black Country Living Museum on Friday 12th May** leaving about 8am and returning about 6 ish. The cost will be in the region of £25 each (to be confirmed). This museum has 300 years of history recreated in realistic settings with a village and charismatic residents to chat with, trams to ride; games to play; things being made; and stories to hear. There are free rides on and in old vehicles, a boat and an underground mine to explore and several places to wine and dine! Check the website on www.bclm.co.uk if you haven't yet seen this place on the TV!



The second trip is on **Friday 7th July to the English School of Falconry** where a "hands on" day with all sorts of animals is planned: Leave WT. 9.15am: 10.30am - Arrive at centre, met by the falconers and given an introduction over tea/coffee. 11.00am - Split into two groups: Group 1 - Handling of the different species of owls, hawks and falcons. Group 2 - Free fly some of the different species. 11.30am - Flying Display. 12.15pm - 1.15pm - BBQ 1.15pm - Swap the groups over. 2.00pm - Animal and Critter Show, guests will meet and handle different species of reptiles, snakes, and mammals. 2.30pm - Flying Display, optional this display is different to the 11.30am display. 3.15pm - Eagles, guests will have the opportunity to meet and handle some of our eagles including American Bald, African Fish and Chilean Blue. 4.00pm - Free time: Time to view the centre and farm. Then home again for tea! The cost is £42 which includes the morning coffee and lunchtime BBQ. Mandi Simons, Mary Duly and Pat Housego



SCIENCE AND TECH GROUP: The next visit is to the Greatmoor Incineration plant. The visit director has offered to take a second group around the facility on the same afternoon thus enabling everyone to go. We are also open to other people to make the visit. The paper chase April 6th is open for more to attend, but the Amazon trip is full. There is enough people who want to go to Chatham Docks 1st June for us to arrange a coach. Details to follow.' Contact John Beer or Malcolm Taylor for further information

GARDEN GROUP: All Garden visits to take place in the afternoon. Beech House, Jordans, Tuesday March 28th Car share. Ascott House, Wing, Tuesday April 11th Car share. West Green House, Hook, Thursday May 18th Coach. Cedar House, Wendover Thursday June 15th Car share. Hillesden House, Hillesden Thursday July 13th Car share. Lamport Hall, Lamport Tuesday August 15th Coach. There are a few spaces left for our visit to Beech House, Jordans, Beaconsfield HP9 2SS. Meet at Five Bells 12.45 leave at 1pm Garden visit 1.30pm. Cost tbc. approx £3 - £3.50p pay on the day. I will be taking names for our garden visit to Ascott, Wing, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 OPR You will need to bring your Current National Trust Members card on the day for free entry. Non-members, Garden visit £5.00 pay on the day. House is open to visit cost to non-members £5.00.Refreshments available. Leave Five Bells at 1.30pm. Gaynor Edwards

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BRIDGE: From Friday 3rd March the original bridge group will be meeting in St Anne's Hall, Wendover from 1.30 - 3.30. We now have space to expand and new members will be welcome. Please contact David Coleman on davidcolem@aol.com or just turn up!

HISTORIC BUILDINGS: Monday March 6th a visit to Tetbury followed by a visit to the 15th Century Chavenage manor which Trenwith in the Poldark Series. We have a 2 hour tour by one of the family followed by tea and cake. The total cost is £27.50. Payment must be made by the Thursday meeting. The April visit will be available at the meeting. Ceinwyne Jones

EXTREME VISITS: Extreme Climbing at Big Rock; 9th February – Trip Report.

Ken had us hanging about in Milton Keynes, some amazing demonstrations of determination and nerve. Plenty of photos on the WT U3A Facebook page – but I don't recognise everyone from this angle.



Extreme 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. We have been able to raise the number of Pizzaiolos to 32 so have one place left.



Extreme Axe Throwing; 18th April – Urban Axe Throwing at Whistle Punks.

A chance to hone your Axe throwing skills, a useful class, should you ever be required to defend our neighbourhood from a Zombie Apocalypse.

£22.00 per zombie slayer, cheques payable to “Weston Turville U3A (Travel) by February General Meeting. We have increased our booking from 24 to 36 and have one place remaining.



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

To acknowledge Valentine's Day this month here are some quotes:

Some Children were asked what they think 'love' is: some of their replies below.....

'When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.' Billy - age 4

'Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs.' Chrissy - age 6

'Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.' Terri - age 4

'Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and just listen.' Bobby - age 7

'Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.' Mary Ann - age 4

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