



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

June 2015

SITUATIONS VACANT: I have now published this request and an appeal for helpers at the monthly meeting, several times and to date we have not been inundated with volunteers, in fact to the best of my limited knowledge, not one person has come forward and expressed an interest in taking on these role! Rosemary has done this important speaker secretary job since our inception and after 6 years she wishes to stand down and hand it over to someone else. She is not leaving her replacement to start from scratch next month but has already completed the bookings for most of next year's speakers. We are an expanding U3A with nearly 400 members why is all the work being done by a few? Can you not spare a few hours a month to volunteer to make telephone calls or attend one meeting? Can you not spare the time to attend the monthly meeting and say hello to new members? Most of the roles are not onerous, nor are they physically challenging, but they are vital to the well-being and ongoing health of this U3A. So to end my rant.....if you are enjoying being a part of this U3A and wish WTU3A to continue being a lively, entertaining, friendly, challenging, fun organisation then please consider what you are doing in contributing towards its long term success. Please just think about it; there will be other committee vacancies next year and new people with new ideas will be required!

Mandi Simons: Editor WTU3A Newsletter.

And so to repeat: If you are interested in arranging speakers for our monthly meetings please contact RosemaryWilliams, she would be more than willing to 'shadow' for the coming year. Her contact email address is mrsuills31@gmail.com. If you can assist at a monthly meeting in any capacity please speak to Mike Bean, Vice Chairman.

SPEAKER: Our next meeting is on Thursday 23rd June and our speaker is Hugh Granger "Look What I've Found"

TRIPS: AFTERNOON TEA ON THE THAMES: Friday 4th September (1230- 6pm) Only a couple of places left. £46 inc. coach, tea and cruise. £20 deposit secures place. Boat has glass roof if weather inclement but can be opened if sun is shining! Some steps to the boat pontoon. 2 hour cruise. Contact Mandi Simons for details.



MURDERS AND BLACK MUSEUM: Friday 23 October. The list is full but a reserve list is being run. Mandi Simons

VISITING CHURCHES: Our August visit will be to Tring church on Wednesday 19th August, but meeting at the Five Bells from the later time of 1:45 pm to leave by 2 pm sharing cars. If you would like to join us, please confirm your name at the monthly meeting or contact one of us by phone. New joiners will be very welcome.

John Richardson 01296 481351 richardson1688@gmail.com or Margaret Baynes 01296 630987

HISTORIC BUILDINGS: Friday July 31st. A visit to Anglesey Abbey and gardens, Cambridge. Coach leaves 9.15 Chandos. 9.20 shops. Still a couple of seats available. Cost £15.50. Please remember to bring your National Trust card. Monday August 17th: Rousham House and gardens. This trip is fully booked and I am running a waiting list as numbers are limited for the house tour. Those already on the list will be contacted in August with details of the arrangements.

Tuesday September 8th: Moreton in the Marsh and a private tour of Seizencote House and garden. Described as "Seizincote is unique. At the heart of a traditional, family-run estate covering 4,500 acres of rolling Cotswold countryside stands a 200-year-old Mogul Indian palace, set in a romantic landscape of temples, grottoes, waterfalls and canals reminiscent of the Taj Mahal." The cost is £26.0. Ceinwyne Jones



VISITING GARDENS: For those booked to go to Luton Hoo Walled Garden on Wednesday August 12th we will leave at 9.30am from Main Street bus stop opposite the shops. If you have signed up for this visit please could I have your cheques at the main meeting.



If you are going to Kelmarsh Hall on Tuesday September 15th: please could I have your cheques for this visit. Gaynor Edwards

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EXTREME VISITS:

WT U3A Extreme Visits are in the press again! This time it is the Mature Times and the positive article about older persons enjoying themselves can be read here! <http://www.maturetimes.co.uk/u3a-extreme-events-challenge/> So what next?

Our next two events have been hugely oversubscribed, so we have doubled the capacity of both.

BloKarting – Weston Super Mare 1st and 2nd Oct 2015

First, a correction, the image we've used to promote our BloKarting event is actually a Speedsail. In fact, the BloKart looks way more comfortable if you were put off by the Speedsail photo.



There has been huge demand, so we now have 2 days of BloKarting to enable 32 adventurers onto the sands. There are still 3 spaces left and you are welcome to join us for any of the programme

	1st October		2nd October
09:40	High Tide	09:30	Geology walk
12:00	Lunch at Salvatore's, or Wharf Side Tea Room	10:21	High Tide
14:00	BloKarting Group 1 (until 18:00)	12:00	Lunch at Tiffany's, or Wharf Side Tea Room
15:40	Low Tide	14:00	BloKarting Group 2 (until 18:00)
19:00	Dinner, La Cucina	16:18	Low Tide
		19:00	Dinner, Yo-Ji

£40 for the experience. Shared cars for transport.

Deposit Cheque of £4 to "Weston Turville U3A (Travel)" now due! For those of you signed up for this event – expect the first logistics message in the next few days. Contact Adrian or Trevor email extreme@wtu3a.org.uk

Archery Indoor Archery 20th Oct and 2nd Nov 2015



Unexpectedly popular, our initial allocation of 36 places vanished in less than a week! So now we have organised a choice of dates. If you booked for 2nd November but would like to switch to the earlier date, let us know. We would like to spread the archers more evenly between the dates to allow those on 2nd November more time each with a bow.

10:30, Chiltern Archery Centre; £15 cheque to "Weston Turville U3A (Travel)" by September General Meeting at the absolute latest.

Contact Adrian or Trevor email extreme@wtu3a.org.uk

OVERSEAS NEWS: On behalf of those of us who organise the Weston Turville Village Fete which was held in appalling weather on Saturday 20th June, I wish to thank all of you for helping, taking the photos and turning up! As I looked around the soggy, wet fete I could see our U3A members assisting in all sorts of places from running stalls, making teas, and acting as general dogsbody. If you haven't yet seen the link to the photos of the dog show here it is: <http://tiny.cc/WTFete15> All the photos are free to download and edit. The U3A photography booth (now nicknamed Meadow Studios) was a great success and between the car and the portraits £47 was made, with requests for a repeat visit next year. Thank you. Mandi Simons

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