



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

July 2016

We have been waiting all winter to complain about the summer heat!



SPEAKER: Our next meeting is on Thursday 28th July when we have a talk entitled “Entertainment in Wartime Britain” by Mike Brown. This is a return visit from Mike who has entertained us before with his songs and music and singalongs! As ever please don't arrive before 2pm unless you want to help set it all up!

TRIPS: KILL OR CURE: Friday 21st October 2016. From the barber surgeons of the old Square Mile to the body snatchers of St Barts, from cholera in the rookeries to the cosmetic surgeons in Harley Street this tour offers a very entertaining day exploring the history of medicine in London from Roman times to the present day. In the afternoon we are off to the Wellcome Collection which includes the Edwardian ‘cabinet of curiosities’

containing such delights as Japanese sex aids, Napoleon's toothbrush and George III's hair! Morning refreshments and lunch included in the price. The full cost is £35 per person. A deposit of £15 secures your place. **Only a few places left!** Mandi Simons

BLenheim PALACE INTERNATIONAL HORSE TRAILS: Thursday 8th September. We have been asked if anyone would be interested in attending this event as we can get 25% off entrance tickets for a group. The show is a chance to see some of the world's leading riders, so soon after the Rio Olympics (and much closer to home!).

Additionally there are over 200 trade stands, set against the magnificent backdrop of Blenheim Palace, truly offering something for everyone, from rural crafts to artisan food and country wear. Names to Mary Duly please
HISTORIC BUILDINGS: August 16th Frogmore and Saville gardens. We have timed tickets and are leaving the Chandos at 8.45 shops 8.50. I have to supply names a week before but they do not require proof of ID. There is a waiting list so do let us know if you cannot come as I will have to advise them of the change.

September 9th. Buckingham palace - fashion exhibition including the Queens wedding dress. The cost is. £33. Chandos 09.15. Shops 9.20. Few seats still available. Ceinwyne Jones

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: The Science and Technology group On August 4th at 10-00 am to 12-30 are to visit ATG Training to explore cycle maintenance and Pneumatics. September 1st will be a visit to the Trenchard Museums at Halton RAF camp. For October it is back to base for a talk on 'Energy for Life'. Details for each event to follow or see me (John Beer) at the general meeting.

FOOD APPRECIATION: Our next Food Appreciation event will be on Thursday EVENING 8th September 2016. As previously mentioned it will be a Greek menu. Can you please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to join us on this date? Pam Wilson & Rosemary Williams

LEEDS CASTLE (KENT): Flower Festival Tuesday 27th September 2016. Leeds Castle will once again be transformed for a Festival of Flowers floral designers under the guidance of the Castle Florist. Cost approx £30 (coach + castle ticket) tbc. Lunch is not included. If you are interested in joining us please let Mary Duly know. email: m.duly@btinternet.com tel: 01296 623060

GARDEN VISITS: Garden Visit to Peterlee Corner Cottage, Perks Lane, Prestwood. HP16 OJH on Thursday 4th August. Meet at the Five Bells for car share at 1.50pm leave at 2pm. Visit 2.30pm. Drivers required. Garden Visit to Dadbrook House, Cuddington, HP18 OAG. Tuesday August 23rd. Meet at Five Bells 1.15pm leave at 1.20pm. Visit 2pm. Drivers required.

The garden visit to Sussex Prairie Gardens and Nymans needs more members to book for this trip to go ahead. If I do not get the required number of members at the Main Meeting I will have to cancel the trip on Thursday July 28th. Gaynor Edwards.

OTHER NEWS: On 6th September a new national phone number “105” will be launched by electricity network operators for customers to call should they need to report or get information about a power cut in their area. Dialling 105 will put customers through to their local electricity network operator. 105 is a free service for people in England, Scotland and Wales. Customers can call 105 no matter who they choose to buy electricity from. Customers can also call 105 if they spot damage to electricity power lines and substations that could put anyone in danger. If there's a serious immediate risk, they should call the emergency services too.

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. Please send photos of your events and activities to photos@wtu3a.org.uk including what the subjects are, when taken and who took them.

EXTREME VISITS: Extreme Gliding; 9th & 10th June – Photos and Reminder

There are 2 folders of photos with just about everyone represented.

<https://goo.gl/photos/kDRpMncdf8Ky9ekY6> for Thursday evening which now includes photos that show the winch which launched us if you look carefully in addition to Trevor's very professional video.

<https://goo.gl/photos/NK4wTM1Q1h1tXDNN7> for Friday evening's participants. If you were part of the experience, time is running out to use your temporary membership – with great discounts on follow up flights.

Extreme Lofting 2016; 15th July – Trip Report.



Another unique experience at the RPR One Loft centre in Birtsmorton. We learned of the pigeon call-up, ration cards, parachutes heroism and medals also how males are the best sprinters but chose females for endurance.

Our race was won by Joan Bridges and Tony Irvine's pigeon must have taken up with one of those endurance pigeons. Note, Doug has appropriate headwear for any occasion.

WT U3A were even awarded "Flash" the stuffed racing pigeon for our services to Pigeon Racing, and our photos will appear in their monthly enthusiast magazine.

I think several Christmas present decisions for spouses that have everything they need have been solved.

Any more photos?

Zipwire; 5th September – Zipwire World Velocity – Penrhyn Quarry, Bethesda, Wales.



Now a huge event, but we are still able to secure some more reservations. **We now require payment for attendees and participants!** Please contact us if you would like to make the journey with others, or are offering a lift. Gerry Wrathall is searching for a car share. John Lamb, who was going to attempt a world record descent with us in aid of Florence Nightingale Chesterfield has been given a dedicated high profile slot in August but will join us in September. You may get to meet a world record holder!

Note. We have been asked if you can bring friends and family to share the driving and the experience – sure! Message from U3A UK *"Our insurance will not cover this sort of activity so it may be a group of U3A members going with a few extras but it does not fall within our remit for member cover."*

£54 a projectile £10 per spectator. **Cheques to "Weston Turville U3A (Travel)" by July General meeting.**

White Water Rafting; 7th October – Olympic Lea Valley White Water Centre.



We are pleased to announce our next adventure, White Water Rafting at the Olympic Lea Valley White Water Center. This is a logistically difficult trip as we are buying 9 seater rafts, not seats. **We really need your cheque to reserve a place!** We will gather WT member names over the next week, then open the event up to our neighbouring U3As to fill the final raft.

Full details to follow. £43 per mariner. **Cheques to "Weston Turville U3A (Travel)" ASAP.**

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

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