



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

May 2015

FROM THE CHAIRMAN: The committee need help at the general meetings which take place on the 4th Thursday of the month. You do not have to commit to every month. If we can call on a few people to help we would be grateful. So if you can take names at the door, staff a table, put chairs and tables out or meet and greet new members please talk to one of the committee if you think you can help. Dave Johnson

SITUATIONS VACANT: As I am standing down as Social Secretary next year we will need someone to take over organising speakers for the monthly meeting. This is not as difficult a job as you may think. Since the WTU3A has been running, speakers contact me through the website and of course many of the speakers that have already been to us have other talks. If you are interested I would be more than willing to 'shadow' for the coming year. My contact email address is mrswillis31@gmail.com. Rosemary Williams.

SPEAKER: Our next meeting is on Thursday 25th June is and our speaker is Michael Grillo "Two kinds of teardrops- Roy Orbison/Dell Shannon"

TRIPS: Cancelled - Trip to 50+ Exhibition at Olympia July 14th. Unfortunately due to very low number it is not viable for us to organise this trip. If, however, you wish to go, free entry ticket may be downloaded from the 50+ site, and you can go up by train. Mary Duly

AFTERNOON TEA ON THE THAMES: Friday 4th September (1230- 6pm) There is still time to add your name to this list. £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. Limited to 45 people. 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



FOOD APPRECIATION: Join the Food Appreciation for a lunch date on Friday 4th September at Brasserie Blanc in Berkhamsted. A lunch time of fine dining is offered to you by Brasserie Blanc. The restaurant has a very good reputation and some members have experienced an enjoyable delicious meal in very pleasant surroundings. **Maximum places: 40 – On a 'first come' basis.** Cost £15.00 per head for 3 courses, wine, tea and coffee are extra. Contact: extreme@wtu3a.org.uk

THEATRE: The cost of the tickets for Jersey Boys has now been reduced to £29.50; it is at the Aylesbury Waterside theatre on Thursday 24th September at 2.30. Tickets are still available for The Full Monty at £24.50; this is also at the Waterside theatre on Thursday 26th November at 2.30. Contact Rosemary Williams for details and tickets

VISITING CHURCHES: Our next visit is to two churches south-west of Buckingham on Wednesday 15th July. The first is at Chetwode, which is a very old former monastery chapel next to a private manor type house, somewhat in the style of Little Missenden. The second is the church at Preston Bisset in a charming village setting. As they are quite a way from Weston Turville and there are two churches to visit (as well as afternoon tea) we shall need to gather at the Five Bells from 12:45 to leave by 1:00 pm, sharing cars as usual. Usual donation to church funds of £5. Passengers please donate £2 to car drivers after returning to base. 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: Monday July 31st National Trusts Anglesey Abbey. £15.50 + National Trust if not member, Chandos 9.15. Shops 9.20. Still some seats available. Monday August 17th Tour of Rousham House and garden £10 meet at Five Bells car park for car sharing. Please note there are no refreshments available. Payment due this month. Tuesday, 8th September Morton in Marsh market and private tour of Seizincote £26.

VISITING GARDENS: Luton Hoo Walled Garden visit: There are still a few places available on our trip to Luton Hoo walled garden on Wednesday August 12th. The coach will leave at 9.30am at the bus stop opposite the shops in Weston Turville. Arrival time at Luton Hoo Walled Garden 10.30am. There will be a talk, tour and tea. The talk will be, The History of Luton Hoo Walled Garden from the 17th century to the 21st century. Cost

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includes coach, talk, tour and tea £20.00. Snacks will be available at lunch time these are not included in the cost of the visit. We depart at 3pm. Please can I have your cheques to confirm your booking this month please. Kelmarsh Hall Garden visit. There are still a few places available on our visit to Kelmarsh Hall on Tuesday September 15th. The coach will leave Weston Turville at 9am for this visit. Arrival time at Kelmarsh Hall at 10.30am. Coffee on arrival. Our guided talk of the garden commences at 11.15am. Lunch is booked for 12.45pm. Total cost of this visit is £35.00. Includes cost of coach, coffee on arrival, entrance to garden and a guided tour and lunch. Kelmarsh Hall will be open to visit in the afternoon this is an optional visit for anyone who is interested with pay on the day price of £2.00. Please could you let me know if you would like to do this so I can advise Kelmarsh Hall. There is both a woodland and lakeside walk to enjoy in the afternoon. Also you can view the orangery. We will depart Kelmarsh Hall at 4.30pm. Gaynor Edwards

EXTREME VISITS: AirKix Indoor Sky Diving 5th June 2015: Trip Report



“There’s no silver bullet for passing SAS selection. No list of points you can tick off to be sure of making it into the Regiment.” Chris Ryan – former SAS soldier & author. The Extreme Group may have achieved cover photographs on Third Age Matters magazine twice, with their demonstrations of piloting hovercraft and abseiling the Portsmouth Spinnaker, but have still failed to attract the attention of the SAS regiment. Maybe they have no subscription to TAM. The group’s portfolio of achievements in the last year includes Ice Karting, Lock Picking, and endurance racing on the Nurburgring. To bolster their chances, the Extreme group continued to demonstrate the breadth of their capabilities at AirKix in Milton Keynes. Some of the group also took the opportunity to sign up for more advanced classes and solving their Christmas shopping dilemmas by booking family “dives”.

The next two events have been hugely oversubscribed, so we have doubled the capacity of both. **BloKarting – Weston Super Mare 1st and 2nd Oct 2015**



1st October Group 1: 11:00 High Tide, 12:00 Lunch; 14:00 BloKarting; 18:00 finish.

2nd October: 10:00 Geology of Weston-Super-Mare walk. Group 2: 11:00 High Tide, 12:00 Lunch; 14:00 BloKarting; 18:00 finish. £40 for the experience. Shared cars for transport. There is a practical limit of 16 places each day (24 have already been taken) and huge demand from outside our own U3A, please sign up ASAP if you are interested. At present there is flexibility on which day you chose to go out on the sands. Additionally, the Weston-Super-Mare U3A are offering to let us join a Geology walk around Weston-Super-Mare on the morning of 2nd October. Details to follow. Deposit Cheque of £4 to “Weston Turville U3A (Travel)” now due!

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. 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



SOME PHOTOS: Settling down for the jazz band and hog roast at the rugby club, a lovely relaxing afternoon!



Steane Park gardens. Margaret Undery checking the coffin carrier for size! The gardener and guide had our undivided attention or are they resting their tired feet! Mary et al posing on the Monet bridge. Mandi Simons



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