



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

October 2015

As the colder misty days come upon us a lot of our U3A groups shut down until spring. The 'sooth sayers' are already predicting a long cold snowy winter until March! Can we remind all members to keep a gentle eye on neighbours, friends, complete strangers and any other vulnerable people who may be inconvenienced or incapacitated by bad weather and or loneliness over the winter months? Having said that please do not be caught using binoculars, long lensed cameras or hiding in bushes or trees...that is called stalking and there is a law against it. Mandi Simons

SPEAKER: Our next meeting is on Thursday 22nd October and our speaker is Richard Poad: "Grandma Flew Spitfires"

TRIPS: MURDERS AND BLACK MUSEUM: Friday 23 October. Coach pickup times: 0825 at Chandos (Please park sensibly so pub customers can still use pub and residents can get to their houses!) 0830 shops. Details of day: Our guide will meet the coach ready to walk the group into The Old Bank of England Pub for morning coffee & biscuits (included in tour price). After morning refreshments the group will be taken on a short walking tour before re-joining the coach on the Aldwych to begin the sinister guided coach tour. We return back to The Old Bank of England Pub for a one course lunch (meat pie), included in tour price. Individuals to pay for drinks and desserts on the day. After lunch we transfer by coach over to The Museum of London where they will spend the afternoon visiting The Scotland Yard Black Museum exhibition. The group will have time to buy refreshments in the onsite café before heading home at 4.45pm. **Please tell me ASAP of any dietary requirements because no changes can be made without additional costs on the day.** Mandi Simons

BACH CHOIR CAROL CONCERTS ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL. Due to a poor take up from members for this trip we are **cancelling** it. All cheques will be returned at the monthly meeting on Thursday unless you tell me to destroy them! Sorry to those people who put their names down to attend. If you wish to attend with friends you can contact the Cathedral directly at www.stalbanscathedral.org/whatson/music/carol-concerts. Tickets are £12 each. We are exploring different options for our annual Christmas event because we are very aware that lots of you have several Christmas meals to eat and the Food Appreciation group is doing a festive meal. There is a limit to how much even I can eat!!! If you have any ideas that we can explore next year please let me know. Again my apologies to those people who have been disappointed by the cancelation. Mandi Simons

FOOD APPRECIATION: Festive Christmas Lunch at our local 17th Century Inn, The Chequers in Weston Turville. Sunday, 13th December 2015 (12 for 12.30 pm until 3pm) is fully booked but a reserve list is running. Pam Wilson

PLAY READING: The play reading group has a new 'leader'. We welcome Helen McCaskie to the illustrious ranks of group leaders. The yellow book will be updated in due course with Helen's details but she can be contacted on 01296 706711.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS: Just a quick reminder that there are still some seats available for the visit to the Dulwich Art Gallery to see the Amazing World of M C Escher exhibition on Tuesday 27th October. £26 including exhibition. Chandos 9.00 shops 9.05 Please contact Eileen or Ceinwyne if you are interested and are not already on the list.

Wednesday 11th November: Luton Hoo Hotel. History of the hotel, a guided Tour, followed by a luxury coffee break. Cost is £15.

Monday 7th December - Visit to the Dressed by Angels Exhibition at the Old Truman Brewery in London followed by a tour of the Christmas lights if enough people are interested. The cost would be £12.50 plus cost of coach. The exhibition is: Costumes from stage shows such as Wicked and films including Chitty Chitty Bang Bang will feature in a new exhibition marking 175 years of Angels the Costumiers. The exhibition will tell the story of the London-based costume company using the clothes it has made for stars such as Fred Astaire, Noel Coward, Laurence Olivier and Meryl Streep. Costumes from TV shows including Downton Abbey and films including Indiana Jones will be displayed alongside those from theatre shows such as Wicked and Evita. At the exhibition, visitors will be able to explore Angel's history, beginning with the company's founder, Morris Angel, in Victorian times. He began a second-hand clothing shop in Seven Dials near Covent Garden in 1840, but

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moved into costumes when an actor asked if he could rent a suit rather than buy one. The exhibition will lead people through the dance hall days, two world wars and into the Ealing Comedy years, as well as the rise of musical theatre in the 1980s. It will end with an exploration of how fancy dress has been influenced by the company's costumes. As well as the costumes themselves, letters, photographs and artefacts will feature in the exhibition, as well as a workshop space where people will be able to learn about the craft of making a costume. Please let Ceinwyne or Eileen know if you would be interested in this visit.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY: Last month the photography group rambled off into the wilderness of Ashridge to watch the annual deer rutting and much enjoyment was had by all, aided by lovely cakes at the tea shop! In December a group of us will venture out to the wilds of Waddesdon Manor to see the Christmas light exhibition by Bruce Munro. The exhibition last year gave us some excellent photo opportunities and we hope for the same this year. However due to the fact that we will attend the Waddesdon Christmas Fair at the same time (!) we will be moving the meeting from our regular Thursday afternoon to a time and date that will allow us to



enjoy both displays. Please contact Mike Bean if you are interested in joining us, we will be using our own transport and there is an entry fee if you are not a NT member.

OVERSEAS NEWS: Wendover U3A Genealogy group has arranged a meeting at **St. Anne's Hall** on the evening of **Thursday, 29th October**, when **Richard Heaton will talk to us on "Finding Your Ancestors in Newspapers and Periodicals"**. Doors will open at or soon after 6 PM, with the **talk to commence about 6.30 PM**. It is anticipated that Richard will talk for about an hour about his collection of materials and follow this with ample time for questions and answers on finding and using these materials to establish and fill out the story of or forebears. Guests from neighbouring U3As are very welcome to attend. There will be a modest fee of £5 per head, which can be paid on the night. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available. To aid us in setting up the hall appropriately, prior notice of intention to attend will be appreciated but is not essential. Wilfred Newman (If you would like to go, please pass your name to Barbara Turner who runs the WTU3A group who will forward to Wilfred or turn up on the night!)

EXTREME VISITS: **Trip Report – NoKarting/BloKarting – Weston Super Mare**



In March, the weather let us down for the solar eclipse, but we had a good time eating bacon butties instead, most of us did get a peep of the eclipse too.

This month, the weather let us down again and our BloKarting was becalmed, leaving us to race electric go-karts, drive F1 simulators, ride open top busses to empty beaches to hunt fossils and

eat Teppanyaki. Just like any other group of pensioners at the seaside. We are still interested if you have photos. Full refunds now being arranged and we will be booking again when Weston Super Mare Council has published the beach closure dates. We may be a little cautious of weather dependent activities for a while. Contact Adrian or Trevor, email extreme@wtu3a.org.uk

Tobogganing at the MK Snowdome 4th Dec 2015



Take a break from Christmas shopping to join us tobogganing in Milton Keynes.

10:30 One Hours Exclusive Tobogganing £25; Cheque to "Weston Turville U3A (Travel)" – before October General meeting.

Contact Trevor or Adrian extreme@WTU3A.org.uk; Tel 0777 150 6055

National Centre for Circus Arts – Juggling Workshop 21st Jan 2016



0915 Coach to Old Spitalfields Market

1100 Spitalfields Oddities walk

1330 Tour of National Theatre for Circus Arts

1400 Juggling Workshop

1515 Coach to Oddballs & Camden Lock

1700 Coach to Weston Turville eta 18:30. £45;

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