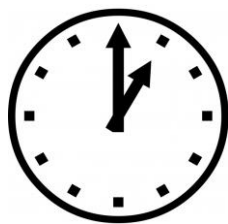




# Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

October 2016



Clocks change next weekend (29/30<sup>th</sup>) from BST to GMT, or as someone I once worked with said from British Summer Time to British Winter Time! They go back 1hour. **MANDI SIMONS NEWS FROM OUR CHAIRMAN:** We have tried to make any new and potential members welcome at the monthly meetings and have already introduced a team of people to act as 'meeters and greeters'. Their role is to show new and potential members around the pre speaker

melee and introduce them to any group leaders present if they express an interest in the group. These 'meeters and greeters' will soon be identified by a very fetching sash, so that any U3A member can identify them and ask them a question concerning the meeting. It will also indicate that the person is 'working' at that meeting and not available for idle chatter, gossiping etc. so it saves them the embarrassment of having to tell their friends 'Not now, I'm busy!'.

The updated Yellow book inserts not already collected, will be available at the meeting and if not collected will be posted out at huge expense! Contact Mary Duly.

The committee has arranged a U3A First Aid Course to be held at the WT. Union Chapel on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017. The course will be about 6 hours in length and will give you the skills to be able to help a fellow member in the event of a medical emergency. It is aimed primarily at Group Leaders or their deputies, but if anyone else has an interest in attending could they please let Mandi Simons know.

A reminder that there will be a an opportunity to display any items made, discussed, used, etc. at any U3A group at the November meeting as well as a table to sell any unwanted goods (not used), plants, jams and pickles or other delights to raise money for a charity of your choosing. Just turn up on the day with your goodies or let Mandi Simons know if you can't make it on the day but want to play.

**SPEAKER:** Our next meeting is on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October when we have a talk entitled "Tales of a National Service Pilot" by Mr Bill George. As ever please don't arrive before 2pm unless you want to help set it all up!

## **TRIPS:**

**U3A CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** - **LAST CHANCE TO BOOK.** Friday 16th December at Pendley Manor Hotel

Tickets £27 per person (this includes raffle ticket) cheque should be made out to "Weston Turville U3A Travel".

Reservations must be made by 10th November - no reservations can be taken after that date.

Mary Duly, tel: 01296 623060 email: [trips@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:trips@wtu3a.org.uk)

**ANTIQUES AND COLLECTABLES:** I am sorry to inform you that due to falling numbers with the Antiques & Collectables Group I am closing the group after next month's talk and there is no meeting in December due to it being Christmas week. So as from January 2017 there will be no antiques group in WTU3A. Carol Williams

**SCIENCE AND TECH GROUP:** Our next venture is to the National Motor Museum at Gaydon on the 3rd November. There is no limit to the numbers so if anyone else wishes to come please contact John Beer soon. The cost is £9 which includes a guided tour. We will operate a car share with spaces available for those not wishing to drive. I expect to leave W/T approx 10-00 to arrive for the tour at 11-15 am. The following meeting will be at the Chapel with Damian taking us through the wonders of Satnav technology or GNSS/GPS to be more precise. Meet at 2-30. No Meet in January. John Beer

**HISTORIC BUILDINGS:** Wednesday 7th December - visit to Windsor Castle with a tour including the State Rooms all decorated for Christmas. We will leave The Chandos at 9.30am and WT shops at 9.35am. Total cost will be £29. Payment must be made at the October meeting. Ceinwyne Jones

## **NEW GROUPS STARTING:**

**BEGINNERS ITALIAN.** This meeting is on the second Monday morning of each month, 10-12 at my house in Weston Turville. Numbers will be limited, but anyone who is interested can contact me on 01296 615160. It is for beginners and definitely not a conversation group. Bren Leleux

**CREATIVE WRITING:** Susan Conolly is interested in starting a creative writing group in the New Year. If anyone feels they have an as yet unwritten masterpiece, a tale worthy of a wider audience or even a poem burning inside them could they please speak to Susan over the next couple of months. Sue can be found at 01296 613099 or email [smcmillan47@googlemail.com](mailto:smcmillan47@googlemail.com)

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**FOLK BLUES AND BEYOND:** This group has been meeting regularly for a while now, and it is going strong with a small group of enthusiastic members. We start each session by playing and discussing favourite recordings in this broad genre of music, which has included country blues, kora music from Senegal, Northumbrian pipes, and a whole lot more - 'beyond' is a fairly inclusive word! We then go on to play some of our own music, using guitars, drums, harmonica, and even a bowed psaltery. It's all very eclectic, but not often very professional! It would be good to have just a few more people. Don't worry if you don't play an instrument - all you need is an interest in the music, although a couple of good singers would be a real asset. The next meeting is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November, at my house. Do please let me know if you wish to be added to the mailing list, or would like to talk to me about the group. Paul Fincken: 07977 540444

**EXTREME VISITS:**

**Slotcar (Scalextric) Racing; 4<sup>th</sup> November – Northwood Hills.**



First a correction, the promotional text should have read “NO Popcorn”.

Second an explanation, “Slotcar” i.e. Scalextric not “Stock-car” quite different!

Race Slot cars on a permanent 41m, 8-lane ultra-smooth Ninco circuit, with perfect electrical connections, sophisticated race control system that gives you accurate lap and race times, positions, fastest laps etc. Then at the end of the event walk away without having to put it back in the box!

£10 per racer. Cheques to “Weston Turville U3A (Travel)” October General

meeting.

**Indoor Karting; 10:00 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Aylesbury.**



An opportunity to try out Rogue Racing's new facility and fleet of karts.

Damian has managed to negotiate us a great deal with a discount over normal concession midweek rates!

£25 per racer. Cheques to “Weston Turville U3A (Travel)”

October General meeting.

Check out the Weston Turville U3A facebook page for photos of white water rafting!



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

**OVERSEAS NEWS:** If anyone wishes to join Aylesbury Vale U3A on this Study Tour 2017 Monday 26th June – Saturday 1st July; there are a couple of places left. The Hotel we will be using is The Grand Hotel, Swansea. It is a 3 star hotel near the railway station but is not affected by noise from trains. As there is limited lounge & bar space we have negotiated to have a quiet function room with tables and comfortable chairs available for our own exclusive use. In addition there are armchairs in the reception and bar areas should you so choose. We will be using Masons of Cheddington as our coach company. A timetable (tbc) is as follows:

Monday: We are still in discussion with Masons about the route and stop off points on the way down - there is an acute shortage of suitable NT properties on the non-motorway route! Tuesday: Brecon Mountain Railway and The Big Pit if there are sufficient numbers interested in the 1 hour underground tour (warning some rough ground – descending in a cage down a traditional pit shaft). An alternative is being arranged for those not wishing to go underground. Wednesday: St Fagan's Open Air Museum of Welsh Life and a guided tour of The Royal Mint. Thursday: We are employing a local guide to join us on the coach for a tour of the Gower. Friday: The day will be spent in Swansea. There will be free time then to visit the Waterfront Museum, the Dylan Thomas Centre, Swansea Market and/or a walk along the beach followed by a one hour boat trip looking at historic local industry sites and local wildlife. Saturday: If there is no major special event being held in Cardiff Castle we will call in there, failing that we will call in Tredegar House - a NT property.

The price is currently set at £375pp for Double/Twin occupancy which is half board at the total and all admission/trip charges included. We would like to collect a £50 per person deposit. Please send a cheque made out to 'Aylesbury Vale U3A No.2 A/c' to Pam & Derek Ayshford, 52 Perry Street, Wendover, HP22 6DJ. (01296 583020 [u3a@ayshford.org.uk](mailto:u3a@ayshford.org.uk))

Please remember you will need to provide your own travel insurance. Pam & Derek Ayshford

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