



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

February 2018

MESSAGES FROM THE CHAIRMAN: It is fortunate that this month's newsletter is light on news from the interest groups as there is quite a bit of information that I have to pass on to you!

Firstly: I mentioned last month about the need to hold an extraordinary general meeting at this month's monthly meeting to agree the national form of words to describe the new objective of the U3A. The agreed wording is

“ The advancement of education and, in particular, the education of older people and those who are retired from full time work by all means, including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development”



In reality you will see very little change from our current practises but some changes have to be made with regard how finances are recorded to ensure we are compliant with the Charity Commissions rules. It is intended that a vote be carried out at the monthly meeting on Thursday 22nd which will be via a show of hands. If you wish to comment on this and cannot attend the monthly meeting, could you please email or contact me directly. Failure to pass this change will mean we will no longer be a U3A.

Secondly: the new Data Protection Act affects us in several ways because we hold personal information which could identify individuals within our organisation. The Act now means that we are required to ask each members permission annually to hold the data: which we will do via the renewal of membership process. More importantly for all of you are the new rules regarding the taking of photos! If a photograph is taken which contains individuals who may be identified in the photo, then each person must be informed the photo is being taken and given the opportunity not to appear in it. If the photo is to be circulated on the website, newsletter, national magazine or Facebook page etc., then all persons in the photo have to be informed to give them the opportunity to decline. It is mandatory that we take all reasonable steps to protect personal information which includes individuals email addresses. So I want to remind you all again to hide email addresses in the BCC (blind carbon copy) box when sending to multiple addressees.

Thirdly or next: Some changes have been made to some interest groups caused by ill health or worse of the current group leader. Could who ever has taken over the group please contact either Mandi Simons or myself so we know that the group is still running and by whom. There was also an interest in starting a petanque group and restarting the antiques group, could the volunteers who offered to run these groups please contact either Mandi or myself.



Fourthly!!!!: Whoever currently has our U3A lightweight wheelchair can they make contact with me so we can arrange collection or bring it to the monthly meeting. Its absence last month caused great inconvenience to a couple of members.

Lastly: The Weston Turville Village Fete is on Saturday afternoon of 23 June. Last year we were not represented there as no one was prepared to be part of an organising committee to arrange our stall. If you would like to be involved in a small committee to promote our U3A to the uninitiated this year, please speak to me. It is not an onerous role. Thank you. Pat Housego

MONTHLY MEETING: Our next meeting is on Thursday 22nd February when we have a talk by Wing Commander Travis Tonkin entitled “The RAF at Halton Today”. As always please don't arrive before 2pm unless you are going to help in setting up the hall.



TRIPS: The trip to Charterhouse in London on Wednesday 4th April is fully booked and I am running a waiting list. The cost will be £42. Full payment is now due. Mandi Simons

GARDEN VISITS: Our first garden visit to Meadow Cottage is next week February 28th. Meet at the Five Bells at 10.30am. Please have your entry money for the visit £6.50p.

We have a few spaces for our visit to Hall Barn NGS Garden, Windsor End, Beaconsfield HP9 2SG. Garden visit start time 2pm; on Thursday April 19th. Visit to include tea and cake £6.50p. Meet at 1.20pm at Five

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Bells leave 1.30pm.

Our next garden visit is to Red Kites on Tuesday May 22nd, 46, How Lane, Bledlow Ridge HP14 4JJ. Start time of Garden visit 2.15pm. Visit to include tea and cake £7.00. By car Leave time tbc. Please sign up this month. Gaynor Edwards

U3A LAWN GREEN BOWLING



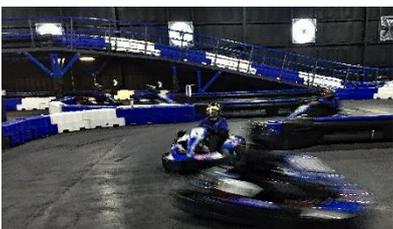
The season for Lawn Green Bowling will open in April and I am able to start up a Group from our U3A which will be able to play bowls at The Chiltern and Wendover Bowls Club, in Dobbins Lane, Wendover.

The group will meet every Friday morning at the club from 10.00am and the cost will be £3.00 a session. Bowls can be provided and it would be preferred if grey trousers or skirts for ladies and white tops were worn. It is essential to wear flat shoes which have no heels whatsoever. This group will be run with an existing group from Wendover U3A. There will be lots of people who can show you the ropes and coaching can be available. If you would like to join this group please contact me, John Cowling. The first date will be Friday 27th April

CHESS: The U3A chess group is changing its format and will no longer meet on a regular time and day. Instead games will be played on an ad hoc basis between individuals, possibly on a ladder basis. Geoffrey Howell will be the first point of contact and will act as the convenor, putting players in touch with one another, including any from other U3A branches who might wish to take part.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: The maximum number of people that they can handle for our "back stage" visit is 30 so we have organised two dates. On Wednesday 7th March at 9.30am for two groups of fifteen people. On Tuesday 13th March at 9.30am for two groups of fifteen people. The cost to visit in either case is £4. We have a small number of vacancies for the two dates and I shall be at the monthly meetings on 22nd February if you are interested in joining this fascinating local trip. Please see me with your cheque for £4 payable to Weston Turville U3A Travel and book your slot.

Extreme “Extreme Karting revisited”; 2 March – Rogue Racing.



A good turn out, but we can take a couple more participants!

As before, 1-hour endurance in teams of 3 up to 10 karts.
£25 per person. PAYMENT NOW DUE

Photo from an earlier successful U3A Extreme visit to Rogue Racing.

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

OVERSEAS NEWS: For those family historians; 2 talks coming up with neighbouring U3A's.

Wednesday 7th March. Wills, How to Find and Use them in Family History Research by Dr Colin Chapman. Hosted by the Wendover group. Venue: St. Anne's Hall (Aylesbury Road, Wendover). Doors will open 2pm with the talk commencing about 2.30. Coffee or tea and biscuits on arrival. There will be a charge of £2 for visitors. Dr. Chapman has had a long and eminent career in the field of family history research, promoting the formation of county family history societies, being a vice president of the Federation of Family History Societies and lecturing on a wide variety of related topics.

Monday 12th March at 2pm. The Berkhamsted group have Ian Waller coming to talk on 'Beyond the Internet'. *There is a common philosophy fuelled by the large data sites that your family history can all be done "on line". This is far from the truth and it will be a considerable time before this statement is correct. This talk looks at what is not available on the internet and why it is important to still get your hand on experience in record offices and archives.*

Venue: Sacred Heart Church, Park Street, Berkhamsted. There is ample parking. Once again there will be a small charge for visitors, about £2/3 depending on numbers.

LEGAL HELPLINE: Information from the national U3A office;

Please note that the subscription to the legal helpline has now expired. Please do not use the number as it is no longer valid

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