



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

July 2018

NEXT MEETING After Betty Page's afternoon of monologues, our next General Meeting is on Thursday 26th July at the Rugby Club. Our speaker is Jez Elkin who will talk on Waste Awareness and Education - thankfully it is waste awareness rather than waist awareness which could put some of us off! Jez is the waste education manager at Greatmoor (remember the brilliant visit we had to their recycling plant a year or so ago?) so it should be a really interesting talk.

BOOKS Part of the success of our monthly meetings is the swapping of books. However, the members that bring and store books are finding that carrying them is an increased burden, so they would be grateful if in future we only bring paperback books rather than hardbacks (too heavy) and magazines (too risqué).

MEMBERSHIP CARDS Cards will be available at this month's meeting, so please collect your card if you don't yet have one. Don't be surprised if group leaders ask to see current membership cards in the near future.

CHAIRMAN'S NEWS Well it's a great British summer and I am sure most of us are enjoying the hot sunny weather. Hopefully this includes participating in the many activities our U3A groups have to offer both outdoors, to enjoy the sunshine, and indoors to keep cool. At the same time when it is too hot for too long there are health risks, so please ensure this weather doesn't harm you or anyone you know, and don't forget to adopt the Aussie rules of Slip, Slap, Slop – slip on a t-shirt, slap on a hat and slop on sunscreen. A reminder that as a member of WTU3A as well as enjoying the groups we have to offer, you are also eligible to participate in other local U3A groups as long as they have spaces available. More information on this in next month's newsletter.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Petanque This new group has now had a couple of sessions and has proved extremely popular. It currently takes place at 2pm on the first and third Monday of each month at Aylesbury Rugby Club although hopefully it will move to an indoor location for the autumn and winter season. It's a fun afternoon and open to all abilities from beginners (most of us) to those with some experience. Additionally, the bar is open!

Science & Technology Although the talk on "Wonder Materials" didn't happen it was replaced by a session on engineering drawing, which might not sound the most exciting of topics, but John Beer provided us with a most thought provoking and interesting afternoon. The next meeting is on Thursday 2nd August in the Chapel Room where Paul Brown will be running a workshop on Powerpoint and other Office programs. There is a limit to the

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numbers that can participate so book your place now. It will start at 2pm and finish at 4.30 and those with laptops can bring them along. There will be a small charge.

It's back on the road on Wednesday 5th September for a trip to the Shuttleworth Museum near Bedford with a meeting time of 9am at the Five Bells to sort out transport. The cost is £12 and there is the opportunity to visit the gardens in the afternoon for an extra £6.

On Tuesday 2nd October there is a trip to the Music Museum in west London. There are still spaces left with an 11am meeting at the Five Bells for transport. The cost is £8.50.

BE WARNED!! The Postal Museum trip on Tuesday 20th November is almost full so get a deposit of £25 in as soon as possible. This visit to north London includes a walking tour a tour round the museum and a trip on their railway plus a tour of the lights on the way home. Total cost is £43 plus another tenner for a fish and chip lunch.

All bookings for S & T trips should go to John Beer at science@wtu3a.org.uk

Local History Those lucky enough to get their names down for the visit to the Kraft Village in High Wycombe had an interesting introduction to the history of chair making in the area. There is no meeting in July, so the next get together will be a talk on 28 August (Chapel Hall – 10.30am) on the role of Hughenden Manor in World War 2.

Garden Visits After the lovely trip to Hidcote, the group's next foray is on Thursday 9th August to the Grange near Chalgrove which is an NGS garden. The visit starts at 2.15pm and the group will meet at the Five Bells for a 1.15pm departure.

Walking After the last walk round Wilstone reservoirs and along the canal at Marsworth, the next one will be on Tuesday 14th August with the group meeting at the Chandos at 10am.

Visiting Churches Tuesday 14th August is the next church visit – this time to St Mary's at Ewelme which is between Watlington and Benson. Meeting time at the church is 2.30pm although anyone wanting a lift or more details can contact Odette Harris on churches@wtu3a.org.uk

Extreme Activities So we now know what Krav Maga is. It is a martial art with the focus on real world situations and its extreme efficiency. It was devised in the 1930s to protect the citizens of Bratislava from the fascist groups and was so effective that it is now used by special forces round the world. Our visit is on Monday 17th September to the Tring Martial Arts Academy for an 11am start and 1pm finish. Strength and fitness is not a requirement for attending. The cost will be £10 – cheques payable to Weston Turville U3A (Travel). More information is available from the Extreme team on extreme@wtu3a.org.uk

What were some 30 members doing near Kop Hill, Princes Risborough on the evening of 2nd July? They were getting very excited about seeing little lights in the grass on our Glow Worm Walk. After an informative talk by John Tyler on the various habits of these creatures, we were able to spot a number of them as we traipsed round the hillside – great fun and very educational.

Finally, the bad news ... the Extreme Duck, which has provided much entertainment at recent Soapbox Derby events in Aylesbury with its egg-laying and quacking, is no longer with us. It had to be put down as it was taking up too much space in Damian Campbell's garage. The good news is that the chassis and other parts have gone to a new home – the 4th Aylesbury Scout Group.

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