



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

June 2018

NEXT MEETING Our next general meeting is on Thursday 28 June at the Rugby Club. It had originally been publicised as a social event, but with so much cake at the AGM it was agreed we should cut down on our bad habits and have a speaker. This will be Betty Page who is well known for her monologues. As usual, the meeting starts at 2.30pm. Can we remind you that following an agreement with the Rugby Club, chairs should be in position when you get to the meeting and would you please **not** stack them up or put them away afterwards.

CHAIRMAN'S NEWS I hope everyone is enjoying the sunny weather, summer is now officially with us, long may it continue. The committee met with the Group Leaders in early June and I'm pleased to say that everything is working well. On behalf of us all I applaud all our Group Leaders who continue to give their time and energy in organising the activities and events for the enjoyment of members. Should anyone want to start a new group please let me or a member of the committee know and we will work with you to make it happen.

Membership cards are now available and are being issued at the monthly meeting on 28 June. Please note there is space on the back of your card to add contact and next of kin information in case of an emergency. I encourage you to do so and to remember to bring your card with you whenever attending U3A events and meetings.

NEW MEMBERS Any new member who has joined since the January is welcome to join us at Costa Coffee at Wyevale Garden Centre on Wednesday 11 July at 10.30am. This is an opportunity to meet with other new members and to learn more about your U3A.

POPPY KNITTERS Member Mary Heathcote Smith is looking for knitters to come up with some 300 poppies for a display to mark the end of the Great War. The pattern for these uses red wool plus a black button and black wool for the centre. Mary (07584 195327) would be delighted to let anyone interested know about the delights of the casting, knitting and toting.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Science & Technology After a successful trip to Greenwich, it is back to base (the Chapel Hall) for the next couple of meetings. On Thursday 5 July John Beer will talk about "Wonder Materials" and on 2 August there will be a workshop on Office programs, in particular Powerpoint.

Further visits are planned for Wednesday 5 September to the Shuttleworth Museum and gardens, Tuesday 2 October to the Music Museum in Brentford. The Postal Museum trip is now likely to be in December.

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Local History On Tuesday 26 June their visit to the Kraft Village in High Wycombe for the history of chair making in the area is now full. With no meeting in July, the talk on 28 August (Chapel Hall – 10.30am) on the role of Hughenden Manor in World War 2 will be the group's next get together.

Extreme Activities The “Extreme Ducks” team fielded the notorious Duck at Aylesbury Town Council's Soapbox Derby last week. The Ducks was a huge collaboration when it first appeared two years ago and won the popular vote for the best outfit of the day. This time there was a fine team of crack mechanics and supporters to attend the pit-stop. There were no prizes this time round, but still a great time was had on what might be the Duck's final appearance.

Congratulations to Damian Campbell for organising it, piloting the Duck so skilfully and organising the pit-stop team. It was pleasing to see his efforts were rewarded with the Duck appearing on the front page of the latest Bucks Herald.

The following day saw another outing with some 30 members visiting Spy Games and a superb time was had by everyone.

Next up is a Glow Worm walk (similar to last year's bat walk) at Whiteleaf on Monday 2 July starting at 9.45pm. A guide will lead us through the woods in the hunt for the glow worms so a torch, magnifier and suitable footwear would be useful.

Watch out for information about Krav Maga (yes, Krav Maga) in next month's newsletter and at the general meeting.

Garden Visits Thursday 12 July sees a visit to Hidcote Manor at Chipping Camden which will be a coach trip leaving at 8.30am. Hidcote is famous for its rare trees and shrubs, herbaceous borders and unusual plants from around the world. National Trust members are reminded to bring their NT cards for free admission.

Visiting Churches The next outing is on Tuesday 10 July to the Quakers Meeting House at Jordans. The group will meet there at 2.15 ready for a 2.30 talk and visit. Anyone wanting to go who is not on the group's list should contact Odette Harris on churches@wtu3a.org.uk before 5 July.

Walking This month's walk attracted almost 30 walkers plus numerous dogs and was a leisurely trek around Whiteleaf and Askett and included an impromptu visit to the magnificent St Dunstan's Church in Monks Risborough. The next walk will be on Tuesday 10 July with a 10am meeting at the Chandos to arrange transport.

Strollers It looks like the Strollers group has ceased its strollings, but if anyone wants to take it over we would be delighted to hear from them.

Lawn Green Bowls Please note that this only takes place on the first and third Fridays of each month and not every week as has been previously suggested. It all takes place at the Bowls Club in Dobbins Lane, Wendover and newcomers are welcome – equipment can be provided.

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