



# Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

March 2018

**MESSAGES FROM THE CHAIRMAN:** We made a decision as a committee some time ago not to report deaths of current U3A members as we didn't want to offend anyone if we missed someone out through not being made aware at the time. However I do believe it is pertinent to report the death of a serving committee member. So it is with regret that I have to tell you that our webmaster, Mike Bean, lost his long standing battle with cancer last weekend. Mike has been involved with this U3A almost since its inception and has run our website for the past 7 years. He had been standing as Vice Chairman for several years and was regularly seen at the monthly meeting trying to get the microphones to work! Please do not use Mike's personal email address for any future correspondence as it is only being monitored occasionally. Our new webmaster Heather Macknight will pick up any emails addressed to webmaster @wtu3a.org.uk We have our AGM next month where the committee will be elected or re-elected as appropriate. The committee will have some vacancies and I would encourage you all to think about your role within this U3A. We have 430 members now but as previously reported several groups have had to fold because no one was prepared to take over the co-ordination of running them. Please do not let this U3A suffer an ignominious demise when you could have done something to prevent it. We need physically able persons for a rota to help set up the hall for the monthly meeting, we need people with a few hours a month spare to join the committee and we would welcome named volunteers for ad hoc roles that occasionally occur. We have already had to decline the offer of a stand at the village fete this year to advertise and promote the benefits of our U3A because no one was prepared to organise it. As our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary is only 18 months away; let us all reflect on the ethos of the U3A: it is run by members for the benefit of members. Talking of the AGM, we have listened to your comments about the necessity of having a speaker at the AGM and after the formal business has been conducted we will have a social afternoon which will include afternoon tea and cake!



Group leaders will still have their tables and the membership secretary will be there to facilitate annual renewals. All the paperwork for the AGM will be sent out to you before Easter. Finally, as we sit here in freezing temperatures with snow all around, may I take the opportunity to remind you that the clocks change forward an hour next weekend, 25<sup>th</sup> March for British Summer time. Thank you. Pat Housego.

**MONTHLY MEETING:** Our next meeting is on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March where our speaker will be Eric Pillinger who is coming to talk about the work of the Pepper Nursing Team. The Pepper Foundation is a registered charity which funds the hospice at home children's nursing team managed by [Rennie Grove Hospice Care](#) (RGHC). This innovative paediatric team, (known as the Pepper Nurses), offers specialist palliative care and support to children with a life-threatening or life-limiting illness throughout the Chilterns area of Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire. The nurses work with families to provide individualised care and support for each child in their own home on a 24 hour, 365 days of the year, on-call basis. As always please don't arrive before 2pm unless you are going to help in setting up the hall.

**TRIPS:** The Charterhouse trip is fully booked with a small waiting list. Pickups as usual from the Chandos PH layby at 0830 and from the shops shortly afterwards. Please be considerate when leaving cars all day so as not to interfere with local businesses and residents. Mandi Simons

**GARDEN VISITS:** It was unfortunate that our first garden visit had to be cancelled in February. Thank you to everyone who replied quickly in response to my email. I have rearranged for us to visit Meadow Cottage NGS Garden for Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is around the time of a fantastic display of bluebells at Meadow Cottage. Start time of garden visit 2.15pm. Car share meet at the Five Bells car park. Leave time tbc. Tea and biscuits £6.50p.

Our June visit is to Greys Court, National Trust, Henley on Thames RG9 4PG. On Thursday June 14<sup>th</sup> by coach. Leave Main Street bus stop opposite the shops at 11.45am. Arrive approx. 12.50pm for our start time of 1pm. You are now able to visit the house from 1pm or you can take a 20 minute stroll across the estate to Sir Felix's Gentle Path. At 13.45pm we will have a guided tour of the walled gardens. At 14.45pm we will

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stop for our cream tea. Leave Greys Court at approx. 4.15pm. Total Cost for N.T Member includes cream tea, coach and tour £22.00. Non Member £32.40p. I have a few spaces for our garden visit to Red Kites on Tuesday May 22nd afternoon visit. A reminder for those visiting Cliveden on Tuesday March 27th bring your National Trust cards. Meet at Five Bells car park at 10.10am leave at 10.15pm. Gaynor Edwards

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY:** The next event on 17th April is at the London Transport Museum and is now settled at a cost of £41 for the day. Those who are going will have had several emails from Glynn about the organisation and he will keep us posted on any late developments. Please note that there will not be a Sci Tech meeting for April on the first Thursday. We are back at the Chapel hall for May 3rd for a talk hosted by the McAfee company who provide anti-Virus Software and are based locally in Aylesbury.

On June 7th we are booked to go to the Royal Observatory, Cutty Sark and Maritime Museums in London. The Fee for this trip will be £17.20 entrance to Cutty Sark and Royal Observatory: all other buildings on site are free entry apart from special exhibitions. Coach should be less than £15 so an approx. fee will be £30 or so, Anyone wishing to go please let me know. John Beer

**STROLLERS:** If anyone has taken over the organising of this group could they please contact Mandi Simons.

**FOOD APPRECIATION:** There will be no Food Appreciation lunch during March, but a belated St. George's Day lunch has been arranged for Wednesday 25th April at The Chequers in Weston Turville.

If you would like to join us for a predominantly English 2 or 3 course set lunch, please contact the team at [foodappreciation@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:foodappreciation@wtu3a.org.uk)



**EXTREME VISITS: "EXTREME KARTING REVISITED"; 27 April – Rogue Racing.**



Our planned event on 2<sup>nd</sup> March was postponed by the "Beast from the East" and will now be held on 27<sup>th</sup> April!

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.

**EXTREME "EXTREME DART MARATHON"; 30 April – Rivets Social Club, Aylesbury.**



There is a Darts Marathon in aid of Medical Detection Dogs, PACE & other Rotary Charities, organised by the Rotary Club of Aylesbury Hundreds.

It is for teams of 4 - £10 entry per team

Anyone interested in throwing some arrows?

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

How to know if you are getting old: sent in by Vivian Howell.

Everything hurts - what doesn't hurt doesn't work.

The gleam in your eye is the sun hitting your bifocals.

You feel like the morning after, but you haven't been anywhere.

You get winded playing cards.

Your children begin to look middle aged.

A dripping tap causes an uncontrollable urge.

You know all the answers but no one asks the questions.

You look forward to a dull evening.

You need glasses to find your glasses.

You turn out the light for economy instead of romance.

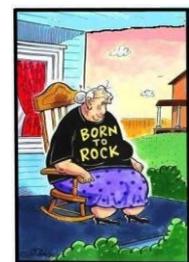
You sit in a rocking chair but can't make it go.

Your back goes out more times than you do.

Your house is too big: your medicine chest is not big enough.

You sink your teeth into a steak and they stay there.

Your birthday cake collapses under the weight of the candles.



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