



# Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

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**UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT** Following last month's AGM there have been several changes to the committee. The bad news is we have lost Pat Housego, Mandi Simons and Pam Wilson from their various roles on our committee, but the good news is that they will still continue with various other activities within Weston Turville U3A.

Our thanks to all of them for their great efforts in developing WTU3A into the force it currently is.

So we have a new, slightly larger committee with Ken Shaw taking over the reins as Chairman whilst Rosemary Williams and Mike Bennett continuing as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The remainder of the committee are: Lewis Ayres, Chris Bennett, Annie Edwards, Gaynor Edwards, Janet Hawkins, Jenny Hunt, Carol Johnson, Heather Marshall, Heather Macknight and Mike Wise.

**NEXT MEETING** Our next general meeting is on Thursday 24 May at the Rugby Club. The speaker is Tom Way who is a famous wildlife photographer and he will be talking about his experiences photographing animals around the world. As usual, the meeting starts at 2.30pm.

Following a new 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.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS:** *Message from Carol Johnson our Membership Secretary.*

Could I remind members that Mary Duly is no longer Membership Secretary, so any queries and renewal forms should come to me. My details are on the membership form.

Due to new legislation the membership form is more complicated than in previous years. There are two boxes on the back of the form that need ticking – one if you want to receive this newsletter (who wouldn't?) and e-mails from group leaders – and the second box needs ticking if you want to continue receiving the National U3A magazine.

Thank you to those members who have already renewed their memberships; however there are a number of members that have not yet renewed, so would they please send forms to me or bring them along to the next General Meeting.

Membership cards are currently being printed and will be available at the June meeting. If you wish to have it posted to you please attach a SAE.

**GROUP LEADERS** There is a meeting for all group leaders starting at 10.30am on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June in the Chapel. No doubt refreshments will be provided.

**ROCK & ROLL** Our friends in the Aylesbury Vale U3A are holding a Mid Summer Rock n'Roll party on the evening of Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June at Aylesbury Tennis Club. Tickets are just £3 each and can be had from John Wilford at [jwilford1@gmail.com](mailto:jwilford1@gmail.com)

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## **NEWS FROM THE GROUPS**

**Science & Technology** After a successful trip to the London transport, the next trip is on Thursday 7 June with a visit to the Maritime museum in Greenwich as well as the Cutty Sark. There are a few places left and either John Beer or Roger Everson will be pleased to take £31 off you. Further visits are planned for 5 September to the Shuttleworth Museum and gardens, 4 October to the Music Museum in Brentford and on 1 November to the Postal Museum in London. The July and August meetings will be in the Chapel Room on the first Thursday of each month.

**Local History** There are two meetings prior to a short summer break. Tuesday 22 May is the next one when there will be a talk on the history of Pinewood Studios given by Mike Payne who recently gave us a superb talk on Princes Risborough. This one will be in the Chapel at 10.30am. On Tuesday 26 June there is a visit to the Kraft Village in High Wycombe at which we will learn about the history of chairmaking in the area. Glyn White has more information and there are a few places left.

**Extreme Activities** There was a good turn-out for the Karting and an even better effort with the Darts Marathon. This should have been run by the local Rotary Club as a charity event, but was cancelled due to a lack of entries. Not to be daunted, our team organised an impromptu darts challenge at the Chandos and attracted some 28 throwers and in the hour at the oche 915 darts were thrown and 9603 points were scored with Roger Everson being the top thrower with a score of 556. Alas a few arrows missed the board and made various indentations on the floor or board surrounds –apologies have been made to the Chandos staff! More importantly some £134 was raised for Medical Detection Dogs. A great effort.

Forthcoming activities include the Soap Box Derby in Aylesbury on Sunday 17 June when our award-winning duck will make a popular reappearance. Pushers are needed for this and no experience is necessary. This is a great day out for adults and children alike and takes place at Whitehill Fields in Aylesbury.

The following day sees another outing with a visit to Spy Games at Singleborough near Winslow. During the morning participants will receive training in a variety of spying skills including axe throwing, sniping, code breaking, safe cracking and minefield breaching. The cost is £50 and the Extreme team will be delighted to hear from any potential James Bonds.

Just announced 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!

**Garden Visits** The group's next forays are : Tuesday 22 May – Red Kites at Bledlow (meet at the Five Bells at 1.20pm for car share), Thursday 14 June – Greys Court near Henley with a 11.40am meeting at the Five Bells for car share, Thursday 12 July – Hidcote Manor at Chipping Camden which will be a coach trip leaving at 8.30am.

**Visiting Churches** The next visit is on Tuesday 12 June to St John the Baptist at The Lee and not as previously notified. Meet there at 2pm.

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