



Speakers for Weston Turville u3a General Meetings November 2021 to January 2022

25 November 2021 – Rugby Club

Curiosities in the Cotswolds – Alan Copeland

Prior to taking early retirement in 1998, Alan was employed within the Financial Services industry selling endowment mortgages, with profits pension policies and investment bonds – enough said!

He is a keen photographer and gained his Licentiate of the Royal Photographic Society (LRPS) in October 2002. For long and dedicated service to Camera Clubs, he was recently privileged to receive the APAGB, awarded by the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain.

This talk is a gentle, laid back tour of the Cotswolds villages looking at the odd, unusual and bizarre aspects of village life in addition to admiring the beauty of the warm Cotswold stone cottages.

Part One guides us round the North Cotswolds starting at the most well-known popular village, Bourton-on-the-Water and moving gently around the area including Adlestrop, Stow-on-the-Wold, Chipping Norton, Stanway, Winchcombe and Blockley before ending with a relaxed, lingering view of Lower Slaughter.

Part Two takes us around the South Cotswolds starting at the area around Northleach and proceeding south-west through Fairford, South Cerney, Painswick and Bisley down to Wootton-under-Edge and Hawkesbury before returning to the ever-popular Bibury and Arlington Row for a final look at the beauty which is The Cotswolds.

23 December 2021 – NO MEETING

27 January 2022 – Rugby Club

You've Never Had it so Good! – Paul Robbins

From his Step back in Time series – “You’ve Never Had it so Good!” is a nostalgic look back at society, culture, news, and music from the wonderful golden decade that was the 1950’s. Do you remember white £5 notes, rationing, trams, the festival of Britain, smog, and the third man film? If so, then this is the talk to bring back so many memories!

If you are too young to remember British Pathe News, Muffin the Mule, Ford Anglia cars or the wooden tops, then this very popular talk will explain much more about British society and how it changed so much in this decade. It will also explain how even to this day, the changes that took place in the 1950’s still have a very big impact on Britain today.

Was this really a decade where life for ordinary people improved? Did people have better housing, health, and more money than they had ever had before? Was life really that much better than only a decade before? Finally, be prepared to roll back the carpets and be ready to dance to the music of this Golden era!