



# Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

April 2019

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**NEXT MEETING** Our next meeting starting at 2.30pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at the Rugby Club starts with the Annual General Meeting which if previous ones are anything to go by, will not last too long. Details of the meeting have already been sent to you. The second part of the meeting is a quiz run by members Paul Fincken and Jane Hobson. Tables will be arranged so that everyone can be formed into teams of eight but please don't reserve tables. There will be a "marathon" round with pictures to identify, a music round as well as other rounds on areas of general knowledge. We hope it will be fun! There will be small confectionary based prizes for winning teams. Answer sheets will be provided but you might find it useful to have a pen and paper to jot down notes. On this occasion cakes and liquid refreshments will be served during the quiz.

The following general meeting is on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May when we will hear about the excellent work of the Florence Nightingale Hospice

**TEAS** Another reminder that it would be very helpful to the environment if you could bring a cup with you for your teas and coffees at each general meeting.

**MAGAZINES, BOOKS, JIGSAWS ETC** Please bring along any of these items to exchange at the meeting and feel free to take away any others.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS** Renewal forms have been distributed and Carol Johnson is busy getting membership cards ready for distribution. Those members who have already returned their form and money should be able to collect their cards at the April meeting.

**TRIPS** The last trip to the Cotswolds was really well received with everyone enjoying Burford's lardy cake and Adam Henson's farm. Whilst it was oversubscribed, the next trip (24<sup>th</sup> May) has had very little take up and has been cancelled. The following visits are on 19<sup>th</sup> July to see Cliveden House and on 13<sup>th</sup> September for a house visit, boat trip and cream tea. The final visit for the year – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - has already been filled up where the Tutankhamum exhibition and the inevitable fish and chip supper are on the agenda.

## NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

*Please remember that many of our trips fill up very quickly so get your visit booked as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.*

**Historic Buildings** A reminder that there are still some places left for the group's outing to Polesden Lacy in Surrey, via a coffee stop in Guildford, on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May. The coach cost is £16 – it leaves the Chandos at 9am - and plus an admission charge to the house for non National Trust members. Further ahead (Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August) there is a visit to Broughton Castle near Banbury. The coach leaves the Chandos at 9.30am and stops in Banbury for coffee/shopping/walking or whatever before getting to the castle. Here there is a private guided tour followed by a cream tea. The cost will be £30. Further details from Janet Campbell or Eileen Langford at: [historicbuildings@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:historicbuildings@wtu3a.org.uk).

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**Visiting Churches** The May visit is to the Priory Church of St Peter in Dunstable on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Meeting time there is 1.45pm for a 2pm start. Following visits are on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June (St Mary's in Chalgrove) and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July (St Boltoph's in Bradenham) and then every month until October. Anyone not on the mailing list should contact Odette Harris on [churches@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:churches@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Extreme Activities** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June sees the restart of Extreme activities with microlight flying at Membury Airfield near Newbury. We have the Flight School for the day and will get 20 minute flights in Ikarus 42 microlights with the chance to take the controls. It seems all the places have been taken but a reserve list is open. More details from Adrian Randall on: [extreme@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:extreme@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Science & Technology** The visit to Buzz Rail (the narrow gauge railway in Leighton Buzzard) was a great success with almost 60 members enjoying a ride on this lovely little railway; our engine proudly bearing the headboard "Weston Turville U3A". The next trip is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May which goes to two museums – the Museum of Military Medicine near Aldershot followed by the Milestones Museum in Basingstoke. The former one is self-explanatory, whilst the Milestones explores social, retail and industrial heritage. There is a coach for this with the total cost being £35. There are a few places left.

Another popular trip is on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June where we will have guided tours of the Mary Rose Museum and HMS Warrior in the historic Portsmouth Dockyard. There will also be time for a visit to other parts of the complex. Total cost including the coach is £55.

Following meetings on Thursdays 4<sup>th</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> August are back in the Chapel Room whilst the final tour for the year is to the Brooklands Museum on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September. This includes a guided tour of the Brooklands museum in Weybridge which shows the development of many forms of transport and in the afternoon we visit the Concorde experience. The cost is £21. More details from John Beer on [science@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:science@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Garden Visits** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July sees a private visit to Old Camps at Headley near Thatcham. This garden is set in over an acre and is part of an old Roman encampment. It featured Gardeners World last year and has a vast Mediterranean terrace, prairie and tropical borders. The coach leaves from Main Street (opposite the shops) at 9.10am ready for an 11am visit. Coffee, tea and cake are included but you are welcome to bring your own lunch. The cost is £27.50. The return journey starts around 3pm.

The following visit is on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August to Packwood House NT in Lapworth near Warwick. Packwood is known in gardening circles for its fabulous gardens, beautiful flower borders and sculptured yew topiary. Guided tours are available and the house is also open. The coach leaves from opposite the shops at 9.15am with the visit starting at 11am. Departure from Packwood is at 3.45pm. The cost is £18 for NT members and £29 for non-NT members. The previously announced visits in May and June are already fully booked. More details from Gaynor Edwards on [gardens@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:gardens@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Local History** The next meeting is on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April where "Aspects of Heraldry" is the subject of John Hockey's talk. This covers the history of heraldry and the study of coats of arms both locally and nationally. It starts at 10.30am in the Chapel Room. The following meeting (Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May) is a guided walk round Marlow led by members of Marlow's Historical Group. This trip is now full. The month after (25<sup>th</sup> June) is a visit to Pitstone Museum before a break in July. Details from [localhistory@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:localhistory@wtu3a.org.uk)

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