



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

August 2019

NEXT MEETING Our next general meeting is on **Thursday 22nd August** starting at 2.30pm, and features a talk by Andrew Harris on Heritage and HS2 with emphasis on the recent investigations at St Mary's Church in Stoke Mandeville. Andrew will be happy to answer questions afterwards on the general heritage aspects of the project.

As always, it would be appreciated if you could bring a cup for your drink. Books and magazine swaps are available as usual. The following meeting will be on **Thursday 26th September** where there will be a talk entitled "Barrow to Baghdad and back".

LAST MEETING Lindengate cancelled their visit to us at short notice due to the hot weather (!) so thanks to everyone for their patience on the day. Obviously their lack of a speaker meant a drop in revenue for them and didn't do their public relations much good.

CHRISTMAS DINNER Remember the date - **Thursday 12th December** and the venue - Pendley Manor. More information at general meetings or in future newsletters.

10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS. Numerous events have been lined up for next year and one of them is a trip to the Isle of Wight. This starts on **Friday 12th June** with three nights' accommodation at Warners Norton Grange Coastal Village in Yarmouth IoW where dinner and breakfast are included. Coach travel, ferry crossings and two full day excursions are also included for the £299. More details will be available at the next general meeting or from Arlene Bocking on iow@wtu3a.org.uk News of all the other anniversary activities will be announced shortly.

NETWORK NEWS The TV Network is holding a Study Day on **Thursday 21st November** in Benson on Britain's Ancient Past covering Mesolithic, Neolithic, Bronze Age and Iron Age periods. It costs £13, which includes lunch, and will fill up quickly. Application forms are available from www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk

TRIPS at home... The trip on **Friday 13th September** features a visit to William Morris's house in Walthamstow where there is a guided tour. The coach then goes to Epping with time for lunch and then to Broxbourne for a 90 minute boat trip on the River Lee which includes afternoon tea. There are some places left (£42 including tea) and anyone interested should get in touch with Pat Housego or Mandi Simons on trips@wtu3a.org.uk If you have already booked please bring your cheque to the August general meeting or drop it round to either of them. The final visit for the year - Friday 6th December - has already been filled up. **and abroad ...** Unfortunately the Study trip to Corsica and Sardinia has been cancelled. Hopefully Jan French will soon get better and will look to try again at a later date.

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NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Extreme Activities The curling experience to Fenton's Rink near Tunbridge Wells on **Thursday 10th October** has filled up quickly so more lanes have been reserved for 4pm that day. A special deal of £55 for dinner, bed and breakfast (£75 for singles) is available for those coming that day and wanting to stay on afterwards. More details from Adrian Randall on: extreme@wtu3a.org.uk

Local History On **Tuesday 27th August** we visit Hughenden Manor and this trip is now full. The visit starts with an introductory talk before free time round the house, grounds and church. It is back to the Chapel Room for the meeting on **Tuesday 24th September** where Colin Oakes will talk on "Chesham - Boots, Brushes, Booze and Baptists". More details from Glynn White on localhistory@wtu3a.org.uk

Science & Technology Our tour to Brooklands Museum on **Thursday 5th September** is just about full. The following visit is on **Wednesday 2nd October** to Buckinghamshire Railway Centre in Quanton. This is an all day visit, meeting there at 10.30am, with a tour of the site, a trip on the miniature railway plus coffee and lunch. The cost is £14. More details are available from John Beer on science@wtu3a.org.uk

Historic Buildings The visit to the Vyne near Basingstoke on **Wednesday 25th September** is now full. Group leaders Janet Campbell or Eileen Langford would be pleased to hear from anyone with suggestions for next year's programme on: historicbuildings@wtu3a.org.uk

Visiting Churches There are two visits left this year - **Tuesday 10th September** to St Mary the Virgin in Long Crendon (meet there at 1.45pm for a 2pm talk) and **Tuesday 8th October** to St Laurence in Cholesbury. Anyone not on the mailing list should contact Odette Harris at churches@wtu3a.org.uk

Garden Visits The final two visits of the year are: **Thursday 19th September** to the fantastic Grange, an NGS garden in Chalgrove, Oxon. Meeting time at the Five Bells is 1.20pm ready to leave at 1.30. The cost is £8 for garden visit, tea and cake. Please let Gaynor have your cheque as soon as possible. **Thursday 17th October** we have a visit to Stowe House and gardens with departure from the Five Bells at 9.45am. This includes a trip round the house at 2pm costing £5.50 (this is for everyone as NT membership doesn't cover this) plus another £11.70 for the gardens for non-NT members. The garden tour is now in the morning and we leave for home at 3.45pm. The Stowe café is open for food. Drivers are needed for this trip. More details from Gaynor Edwards on: gardens@wtu3a.org.uk

Theatre Visits Visits currently planned are: **Thursday 19th September** – Madagascar the Musical, **Friday 1st November** – Carole (the Carole King musical), **Thursday 7th November** Nativity the Musical and **Friday 29th November** – My Mountain Life by Simon Yates. Details from Melanie Evans on theatre@wtu3a.org.uk

Book Club 3 This new group has started and meets on the first Friday of each month from 10.30am. Contact Peter or Lisa Smith on bookclub3@wtu3a.org.uk for more details.

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