



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

August 2020

Learn, laugh, live, learn.

Next meeting After the success of our July general meeting the committee has agreed that we should continue with these “virtual” meetings for the time being. So the next one will be on Thursday 27th August starting at the usual time of 2.30pm. Speaking to us on this occasion will be the award winning author and public speaker Jenny Mallin. She will deliver a fascinating insight into five generations of her family, originally from Yorkshire, who lived through the days of the British Raj in India – the talk being entitled “My grandmothers, their servants and the old recipe book.”

Once again, you will be emailed details of how to access the meeting a couple of days beforehand and don’t forget to bring your “virtual” refreshments to the meeting!

Zoom meetings have also been arranged for our September (24th) and October (22nd) general meetings and further details of these will be in forthcoming newsletters.

Annual General Meeting This is probably good news to many of you who find them boring, but the committee has agreed to defer the A.G.M. until 2021. However, there are a couple of spaces on the committee so if anyone is desperately keen to join they can contact Chairman Ken Shaw on chairman@wtu3a.org.uk

Membership renewal update The committee has agreed to extend the rollover of membership until the end of September so membership renewals will be due on 1st October for a subscription of £7.50 for the period ending 31st March 2021. The documentation will be sent out in early September. Members were sent Gift Aid forms earlier this year and Treasurer, Mike Bennett would be delighted to receive completed forms with your membership renewals, as this is a vital source of revenue to us.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

In their latest National newsletter, the U3A has provided guidance to group leaders in planning to restart their groups. For more information you can link onto our own website.

Extreme Visits Lockdown forced us to postpone our planned April Velodrome adventure. Though the venue wasn’t chosen with the pandemic in mind, it does look ideally suited – plenty of parking with just us and an instructor in a 6,000 seater stadium. The re-opening of the Velodrome was a casualty - Boris slamming the breaks on the easing of lockdown. Ideas for appropriate adventurous venues suitable for current circumstances gratefully received by Adrian Randall at extreme@wtu3a.org.uk

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Walking The group restarted on Tuesday 11th August and a dozen intrepid walkers plus a dog braved the heat for an enjoyable walk from the village to Halton and back. The next walk is scheduled for Tuesday 8th September and will be based at the village hall in Weston Turville. Norma Lyon will send more details to group members in the week before or you can find out more from her on: walkers@wtu3a.org.uk

Book Club 2 The group is still busy having had a couple of meetings in gardens during the hot weather and are also continuing to share their recommended reading online. Details of what they are up to from Rosemary Williams on: bookclub2@wtu3a.org.uk

Science & Technology The scheduled visit to the Silverstone Experience museum has now been finalised for Thursday 3rd September. Roger Everson will lead the group which should meet at Silverstone for 11am. Obviously there are some restrictions in place and those who previously expressed an interest in going have been sent details. There is a limit on numbers and those who can't go this time will have another opportunity early next year. As the BMW factory in Oxford is still closed to visitors, our scheduled visit on Thursday 1st October may well not happen and the Milton Keynes museum on Tuesday 3rd November is still on hold. Information is always available from John Beer on science@wtu3a.org.uk

Patchwork & Quilting The group remains extremely busy with a variety of projects and all these are linked with regular Zoom meetings. Members of the group are currently making masks to sell with proceeds are going to the 4th Aylesbury Scout Group who are aiming to raise funds to buy the land around their headquarters. More details of what the group is up to can be had from Maureen Reeves on quilting@wtu3a.org.uk

Local History Glynn White has confirmed the group will restart early next year.

Table Tennis The group is restarting imminently and further details can be had from Paul Fincken on tabletennis@wtu3a.org.uk

L.O.Y.O (Living on Your Own) Several other U3A branches have a group for those living on their own and we are now hoping to start one locally. However, we need a group leader so any committee member would be delighted to hear from anyone interested.

A message from our Spam correspondent This is straight from the City of London Police fraud team. It is an extremely sophisticated scam going about recently, involving all banks. You get a message saying a payment hasn't been taken, e.g from O2, Vodafone, 3, Giff Gaff or EE and to click here. As soon as you touch it your money is gone. They already have all your details and it's the most advance scam the bank has ever seen. Spread the word to your family and friends!" Be vigilant!!!!

Another scam comes from an 0141 number claiming to be from HMRC and saying that warrants for fraud have been issued against you and if you don't press 1 you will be arrested in the next few minutes.

A man asked his wife, "What would you do if I won the lottery?" She replied, "I would take half and leave you." "Great" he replied, "I won £10 – here is £5, stay in touch."

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