



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

February 2020

NEXT MEETING “Dr Livingstone, I presume” is the title of the talk at our next general meeting which will be given by the critically acclaimed author and speaker Fran Sandham. It is on *Thursday 27th February* from 2.30pm at the Rugby Club. As usual, the book (paperbacks only please) and magazine swaps will be available. If you are having a drink it would be appreciated if you could bring your own cup. The following meeting will be on *Thursday 26th March*.

LAST MEETING It was a good turn out last month for the talk on wildlife photography and we were well entertained by Tom Way. Those wanting to see more of his efforts can go onto his website: www.tomwayphotography.co.uk

TRIPS There may be a few places left for the visit to London on *Monday 27th April*. Called “The Shard, The Bard, The Bishops and The Brothels” it includes a walking tour of Bankside before going up the Shard to look at the views. The cost is £55 which includes coach (leaving WT about 10.30am), tour and Shard visit. Further details from Mandi Simons on trips@wtu3a.org.uk

10th ANNIVERSARY – Isle of Wight trip Message from Arlene Bocking. Payment is now due and she will be at the February meeting to collect the balance of payment (cheques to WTU3A – Travel) and insurance forms if required. There are three optional coach trips and Arlene needs to know at the meeting if you want to go on them. They are: *Ventnor Botanic Gardens* – Saturday afternoon - £8.50, *Rosemary Vineyard* – Sunday morning - £2 including tour and tasting then lunch at your own cost, *Osborne House* – Monday- £13.50 in not English Heritage member. Each activity has its own website. Any questions contact Arlene on IOW@wtu3a.org.uk

WTU3A BAKE OFF: This is on Thursday 28th May and details have now been published. Once the cakes have been made and judged, they will be eaten at the meeting!

THAMES VALLEY NETWORK NEWS The Network has various events planned for the first half of the year including: *Wednesday 8th April* – talk on Cyber Crime – Amersham, *Friday 29th May* – Study Day on the Geology of the Thames Valley (Benson) and *Wednesday 17th June* – History of the Thames Study Day at Henley. More details on www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk

AYLESBURY VALE U3A Our colleagues in AVU3A have some places left on their trips – 1st April Canterbury - £31 including coach and cathedral entry, and Monday 4th May – Petworth House (NT) and Guildford - £16. More information from Dan McGregor on outings@avu3a.org.uk or ring him on 01296 582054.

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NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Local History Although it might not have sounded the most exciting of places, Colin Flack gave an hilarious talk on the history of Chinnor at the January meeting and rounded it off with some of his own autobiographical poetry. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 25th February** (10.30am in the Chapel Room) when Ian Waller will speak about communities with their own traditions, peculiarities and dialect. Entitled “There’s None as Quere as Folk!” it should be an excellent morning’s entertainment.

Who was Cecilia Payne you may ask. Come along to the March meeting (**Tuesday 24th**) and find out about one of the top 100 female trail blazers.

There is a joint trip with the Science & Technology group on **Tuesday 31st March** to Milton Keynes Museum and more details of this can be found in the S&T section.

Science & Technology The group have their first outing of the year on **Thursday 5th March** with a trip to the Wellcome Collection’s Museum and Library in London (this costs £20 for coach – leaving WT at 9.30am.). There are still some places left on this trip.

The following meeting is now on **Tuesday 31st March** is the joint visit with the Local History group to the Milton Keynes Museum. Although this is by own transport, lifts can be arranged and we leave the Five Bells at 9.30 for an 11am tour. The cost is £15 including lunch. This may well have filled up by now.

On **Thursday 7th May** there is another coach trip – this time to STEAM the railway museum in Swindon. The cost is £25 and we leave WT at 9.15am. For those who get fed up with trains after a short time, there is a designer outlet complex next door. Currently outings are also booked for: **Thursday 3rd September** – Silverstone Experience, and **Thursday 1st October** – BMW Oxford (this one is almost full). More information on from John Beer on: science@wtu3a.org.uk

Historic Buildings This year’s programme: **Thursday 2nd April**. Coach trip to Upton House near Banbury. 9.15am departure from the Chandos. Cheques for the £13 will be collected at the February general meeting. Please note this is a terraced garden with steps.

Wednesday 15th July. Coach trip to Ham House at Richmond. The cost will be £25 for coach, house tour and garden tour.

Thursday 10th September. Basildon House near Reading – coach cost £16.

Please note that if you are not a NT member you will need to add the entrance fee to the coach cost on these trips. Details from Janet Campbell on: historicbuildings@wtu3a.org.uk

Garden Visits A couple of forthcoming events: **Thursday 12th March**. Visit to Lindengate Garden (by Dobbies Garden Centre at Worlds End). The tour of the gardens, run by the mental health charity, starts at 4.30pm after the gardeners have left. The one hour tour finishes with tea and cakes. The cost is £10. Meet there by 4.30pm.

Friday 15th May. Thenford Arboretum which is Lord Heseltine’s garden. The cost including coach is £23. Full money to Mary Duly by the March general meeting. This is almost full already and there will be a reserve list. More details from Mary on gardens@wtu3a.org.uk

Petanque The season starts on **Monday 6th April** at 2pm at Aylesbury Rugby Club and will continue on the first and third Monday of each month.

Extreme Activities. There are three places left for the Velodrome on **Monday 20th April**. Contact Adrian Randall on extreme@wtu3a.org.uk if you are interested.

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