



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

February 2021

Learn, laugh, live, learn.

Next General Meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 25th February at 2.30pm with the presentation being called “Big Cats around the Globe” which is given by Barbara Meyer. Barbara is the owner of Big Cat & Nature Photography (see www.bigcatphotography.co.uk). In 2008 she took redundancy from a job in banking and took up her lifelong interest in photography professionally. She says, “A trip to South Africa and the chance to observe and photograph a leopardess and her two cubs at the beginning of my professional photographic career, led to the decision to utilise photography to help these magnificent animals and other wildlife. In this context, Big Cat & Nature Photography donates at least 45% of proceeds from photography courses, workshops and photo days at zoos and wildlife parks to their wildlife conservation efforts.”

As usual, log-in details will be sent to you a few days beforehand.

The following general meeting will be on Thursday 25th March. Apart from our Zoom speaker we will be having a Special General Meeting and details will be forwarded shortly.

The last meeting was a fascinating presentation on British eccentrics and well over 50 members enjoyed the talk.

Speaker Secretary Simon Evers has arranged a few forthcoming meetings, but would be delighted to hear from anyone who has suggestion for meetings later in the year. He can be contacted on speaker.secretary@wtu3a.org.uk

Thames Valley Network News The network is holding a series of informative sessions on Zoom which we are able to take part in. These are:

Tuesday 23rd February 10.30am - Music from the Musicals by Clive Aronson. To register contact: fay.sinai@icloud.com Cost £3

Thursday 11th March, 10.30am – From Brunel to Eden. A celebration of the art of engineering. To register (this is free) go onto www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk and click onto Ticket Source.

Wednesday 24th March 10.30am – Women in art and photography. Again it’s free and registration is as above.

Isle of White trip. A message from Arlene Bocking

Please be advised that the proposed trip to the Isle of Wight planned for June 2021 is now cancelled. A representative of the organising company; Just for Groups has assured us that we will have our deposits refunded to us. This will be as soon as they can after they are allowed to return to work in their office. Any further information on the timing of this will be communicated to you as soon as possible.

Remember to check the website www.wtu3a.org.uk for more up to date information and for any old newsletters and articles. Use the Search box or tag words on the right of the page. WTU3A has its own Facebook page with lots of photos on. Search for it, ask to join and within no time at all you could be viewing the albums.

Online talks. Whilst we have mentioned various free talks, uktoursonline.com charge around £10 for their “tours”. The full programme can be found on their website but some of those coming up are:

Wednesday 3rd March – 6pm. What lies Beneath (archaeology of the City of London),

Thursday 4th March – 7pm. Winston Churchill – a very full life

Wednesday 10th March – 6pm The Cotswolds

Thursday 25th March – 6pm The River Thames – a dip into liquid history.

They also do some free talks and by signing up to their newsletter (details on their website) you will get information on them. But be quick as they fill up fast.

An Open Invitation Our friends at Aylesbury Vale U3A have given us an invitation to join any of their advertised Zoom meetings. A couple of noteworthy ones are from the ‘Sounds of 50s/60s/70s group’ who meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 2.00pm and the Military History Group on the first Wednesday in the month at 10.00am (subject on March 3rd is 'The American Indian Wars'). Log in details are available from Heather Macknight at webmaster@wtu3a.org.uk

Drop In Sessions We mentioned this some months ago so here goes again. Lindengate, the mental health charity based by Worlds End Nursery holds regular free rest and reflect sessions for anyone who may be struggling with their wellbeing or just want a safe space. They are open to anyone who may be struggling with their wellbeing or who may just want a safe space in their five acre therapeutic gardens and wildlife haven. The latest free drop in open days are: Mondays 9am-1pm, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays are 1pm – 3pm.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Tennis Taster. Thank you everyone who expressed interest in the offer from Aylesbury Tennis Club to hold a Tennis Taster Session for our U3A members. As soon as lockdown rules allow the offer will be reinstated. Please watch this space.

Patchwork & Quilting The quilt making for the Linus charity continues at a pace and there are many now ready to go to Stoke Mandeville Hospital. The group continues to meet (online) on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month and there are also some occasional extra presentations available to group members. More details from Maureen Reeves on quilting@wtu3a.org.uk

Trusted tradespeople Although it is not a group as such, we have a list of tradespeople who have been recommended by members because of their good service. Although we don't publish the list, Rosemary Williams can let you know who is on the list so if you need the information go to trusted@wtu3a.org.uk

Finally, **Chairman's ponderings** There is no message from Ken Shaw but he has given us some things to ponder on such as: Is the “S” or the “C” in scent silent?
Why does fridge have a “D” in it but a refrigerator doesn't?
Why is a “W” called a double-U when it clearly is a double-V ?
Why are Zoey and Zoe pronounced the same but Joey and Joe aren't?

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