



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

January 2020

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

NEXT MEETING After our recent foray to St Mary's Church, we are back at the Rugby Club for all this year's general meetings. The first meeting of 2020 is on **Thursday 23rd January** and we welcome back Tom Way who came a couple of years ago. After the usual preliminaries and refreshments (bring your own cups if you can). Tom's talk will be on wildlife photography. Last time Tom came he had some wonderful prints of pictures he had taken so you may want to bring a little cash if you wish to buy any of his cards or photos. Start time is 2.30pm.

The following meeting will be on **Thursday 27th February** and features a talk entitled, "Dr. Livingstone I presume."

LAST MEETING Somehow we all managed to squeeze over 100 members into St Mary's Church for the November meeting and were rewarded with a superb talk by Glynn White on the village history and the afternoon was rounded off with some festive fare of mulled wine, mince pies and stollen.

BOOKS/MAGAZINES As you know at our general meetings we have books, puzzles and magazines available for anyone to bring or take away. Due to their weight as they have to be carried away for storage between meetings please don't bring any more *hardback* books.

THAMES VALLEY NETWORK NEWS

The Network has various events planned for 2020 including: Wednesday 8th April – talk on Cyber Crime – Amersham, Thursday 23rd April – Study Day on Understanding Historic Buildings (Benson) and Friday 29th May – Study Day on the Geology of the Thames Valley (Benson). Many of these fill up quickly so be quick if you are interested. More details on their website: www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk

AYLESBURY VALE U3A Our colleagues at AVU3A are hosting a trip to East Anglia between 29th June and 4th July. Further details are on their website: www.avu3a.org.uk

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Flower arranging The group restarts on **Monday 10th February** at 2.15pm at Buckland Village Hall. Those at the first meeting will be making a Spring arrangement. Amongst other events during the year will be a visit to a Flower Festival. More details from Gaynor Edwards on flowers@wtu3a.org.uk

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Local History Colin Flack gets the year under way on **Tuesday 28th January** with a talk on the history of Chinnor. This includes some original photographs taken in the early 1900's. The venue is the Chapel Room and the start time is 10.30am. Looking ahead, there is a joint visit with the Science & Technology group on **Tuesday 31st March** to Milton Keynes Museum. More details of future talks and visits will be next month or if you really can't wait try Glynn White on localhistory@wtu3a.org.uk

Mahjong This new group has now started with meetings on the first and third Thursdays from 2pm to 4pm in the Chapel Hall. There is a charge of £1 per session for the room hire. Details from mahjong@wtu3a.org.uk Novices and more experienced players are welcome.

Theatre Visits Tickets may still be available for: : **Wednesday 12th February** – 6pm “Six” – the musical about Henry VIII's wives (£28), **Wednesday 4th March** – 2.30pm Mary Shelley's Frankenstein (£22.50), and **Wednesday 29th April** – 2.30pm “Some Mothers Do ‘Av Em” with Joe Pasquale (£26).

Performances for later in the year (all at the Waterside and on a Thursday) are: Burn the Floor (Kevin & Joanne Clifton) **14th May** - £31, Million Dollar Quartet (Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash) **21st May** - £26.50 and 9-5 the Dolly Parton Story on **4th June** (£32) Details from Melanie Evans on theatre@wtu3a.org.uk

Walkers The walking group have already had an outing this year so the next one will be on **Tuesday 11th February** with following ones on the second Tuesday of each month. Meeting time will be at the Chandos at 10am where transport can be arranged. More news from Norma Lyon on: walkers@wtu3a.org.uk

Science & Technology 2020 looks to be even busier and starts on **Thursday 6th February** with a meeting in the Chapel Room which starts at 2.30pm. The original speaker has suddenly dropped out so the exact details will be finalised at our general meeting. It's on the road again 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 - and admission). whilst the following meeting is now on **Tuesday 31st March** for 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. Details of this year's activities are available from John Beer on science@wtu3a.org.uk

Philosophy (Discussion) Group Meeting on the third Friday of each month, this group currently has a couple of available places. Themes coming up are: Security or Freedom – can you have both? (**21st February**) and Should rules be broken? (**20th March**). Michael Conolly has more information on: discussion@wtu3a.org.uk

Extreme activities On **Monday 20th April** it is a Velodrome Experience at the Lea Valley Velopark in north London – the world's fastest track and the one used at the 2012 Olympics. Whether you want to hone your cycling skills or just ride on this iconic track, this trip is for you. Numbers are limited so you need to register your interest by the January general meeting. After that date, any available places will be offered to other U3A groups. Bikes and equipment are included in the price of £55. Further details can be had from extreme@wtu3a.org.uk

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