



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

July 2019

NEXT MEETING Our next general meeting is on Thursday 25th July, starting at 2.30pm, and this features a talk by Michael Harris on the Lindengate Charity which is based by World's End Garden Centre. As usual for a general meeting it would be appreciated if you could bring a cup for your drink. The following meeting is on Thursday 22nd August.

RECENT MEETINGS The hog roast was extremely popular and attracted over 120 members, all of whom were well fed. Thanks to everyone involved in the organisation, and special thanks go to Heather and Cliff Macknight for their preparation of a wonderful salad. After the previous meeting, our teams of three walkers took part in the Florence Nightingale Hospice's Midnight Walk and have exceeded their target of £300. Nevertheless any more sponsorship would be welcome via <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wtu3a>

CHRISTMAS DINNER Remember the date - Thursday 12th December and the venue - Pendley Manor. More information at general meetings or in future newsletters. Also with Christmas in mind, the Walking group will have their dinner on Tuesday 3rd |December (a week earlier than usual) at the Greyhound in Wigginton.

TRIPS at home... The trip on Friday 13th September features a visit to William Morris's house in North London - Morris being the famous textile designer, poet, novelist and activist - and is followed by a boat trip and cream tea; There may be a couple of places left. The final visit for the year – Friday 6th December - has already been filled up where the Tutankhamum exhibition, the Christmas lights and a fish and chip supper are all included.

And abroad ... Jan French is organising a Study tour of Sardinia and Corsica on 1st October 2020. Accommodation is half board and 7 single rooms and 7 twins are available. A deposit of £150 will secure your place and more details can be had from Jan on 01296 708663

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Extreme Activities The curling experience to Fenton's Rink near Tunbridge Wells on 10th October has filled up quickly although more lanes have been reserved for 4pm that day. Saloman's, a local wedding venue has come up with a special price of £55 for dinner, bed and breakfast for those coming the previous day (£75 for singles) – the bridal suite is unavailable!

Although it is on ice (naturally) novice curlers have special shoes which prevent sliding. Coaching starts with static delivery which prevents sliding. Those with bad backs are catered for with special curling cues. The cost for the curling is £25 and Adrian would appreciate the money at the July meeting. More details from Adrian Randall on:

extreme@wtu3a.org.uk

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Local History A reminder that there is no meeting in July and on Tuesdays 27th August we visit Hughenden Manor. This starts with an introductory talk before free time round the house, grounds and church. The trip is now full but you can check with Glyn White on localhistory@wtu3a.org.uk to confirm you are on the list.

Science & Technology The 1st August meeting – Chapel Hall from 2pm - is a workshop on spreadsheets which is being run by Paul Brown. Please bring your own laptop, although a couple may be available if you let John Beer know. The next tour is to the Brooklands Museum on Thursday 5th September. This includes a guided tour of the museum in Weybridge which shows the development of many forms of transport and in the afternoon we visit the Concorde experience. The cost is £21. More details are available from John on science@wtu3a.org.uk

Historic Buildings The Broughton Castle visit on 8th August is now full. The following trip is to the Vyne, a National Trust property near Basingstoke on Wednesday 25th September. The coach leaves from the Chandos at 9.30am and the cost is £15 plus £11 for non-NT members. More information from Janet Campbell at: historicbuildings@wtu3a.org.uk

Visiting Churches The visit on Tuesday 13th August is to St James the Great in Bieron. You need to be there by 1.45 for a talk at 2pm. The following trips are on Tuesday 10th September to St Mary's in Long Crendon and 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 sign up as soon as possible for this trip. Thursday 17th October has a visit to Stowe House and gardens with the arrival time being 11.15am and departure at 3.45pm. More details next month or from Gaynor Edwards on: gardens@wtu3a.org.uk

Singing for Fun This group, which contains singers from several local U3As, meets on the second Wednesday of each month at Halton Village Hall from 10.30 to 12.00. However, they urgently need an accompanist. More details from singing@wtu3a.org.uk

Theatre Visits Two visits are planned: The first is to Avenue Q, a musical comedy featuring puppets and humans which is at the Waterside in Aylesbury on Wednesday 26th July at 2.30pm. The other is to Nativity the Musical which is a high energy show based on the film. This is on Thursday 7th November at 1.30pm with stalls tickets being £19. Details from Melanie Evans on theatre@wtu3a.org.uk

Angling Our angling correspondent, Mick White tells me that Aston Clinton U3A has an angling group meeting on Thursdays from 10am. Fishing is mainly on local canals and is non-competitive. Any of our members are welcome and the contact is: neil.williams@sensetech.me.uk

A couple of new groups are starting subject to sufficient interest. Book Club on the first Friday of each month from 10.30am to 12.00 (bookclub3@wtu3a.org.uk) and Mahjong. Please contact mahjong@wtu3a.org.uk if interested.

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