



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

July 2020

Learn, laugh, live, learn.

Next meeting It is a long while since this has happened but we are having a General Meeting on **Thursday 23rd July** – not at the Rugby Club but in your own home. Using Zoom there will be an introduction by Chairman Ken Shaw followed by a talk entitled “Origins and Oddities of English Inn Signs” given by Michael Astrop who is a member of the Inn Sign Society. This is a highly visual talk, with a quiz, which traces the history of the pub sign from Roman times to the present day.

As this is the first time we have ventured into a general meeting on Zoom, the Committee hopes it will be successful enough for us to continue such meetings until we get back to normal. Members will be emailed details of how to access the meeting a couple of days beforehand. Don't forget to bring your “virtual” refreshments to the meeting!

Access We are aware that some members do not have access to a computer and are making every effort to communicate more effectively with them; hence a contact list in the last newsletter of those committee members who are prepared to pass on information and have a chat with anyone in this position. As yet this initiative has not had much response, so the list is again reproduced below.

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Membership renewal update

Your membership of Weston Turville U3A has been rolled over beyond the usual April renewal date. The committee have agreed to extend the rollover of membership until the end of September. The plan is to restart membership renewals from 1st October for a subscription of £7.50 for the period ending 31st March 2021. More details shortly.

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.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Church visits At present the scheduled visit to St Michael's in Stewkley on Tuesday 11th August is still on, although there is a good chance it will be cancelled. All group members will be notified by the end of July as to exactly what is happening. If anyone wants to be added to the mailing list please contact Odette Harris on churches@wtu3a.org.uk Hopefully, the situation will ease so visits to be arranged in September and October.

Science & Technology John Beer and Roger Everson are currently checking on some scheduled events towards the end of the year (Silverstone on Thursday 3rd September, BMW on Thursday 1st October and Milton Keynes Museum on Tuesday 3rd November) so watch this space for updates. Information is always available from John on science@wtu3a.org.uk

Historic buildings The two remaining visits for the year have had to be cancelled and Janet Campbell has decided to use this period of inactivity to step down as the group leader. If anyone is interested in taking over the group they are welcome to speak to Janet (jcampbell1705@hotmail.co.uk) about how to get it restarted.

Patchwork & Quilting Still busy during lockdown, group members have been working at home and using Zoom to display their recent efforts and to prepare for their next projects. More details of what the group is up to can be had from Maureen Reeves on quilting@wtu3a.org.uk

Walking The group will restart on Tuesday 11th August with a gentle walk round the village, starting and finishing at the Chandos. The walk starts at 10.30am and won't have lunch afterwards. If possible walkers are asked not to park their cars at the Chandos. More details will be sent to everyone on Norma Lyon's mailing list and further details can be had from her on: walkers@wtu3a.org.uk

Flower arranging Did you know that, probably because of its therapeutic benefits, flower arranging has been the biggest pastime during the lockdown? It is physically beneficial as it lowers heart rate and blood pressure whilst it also has a valuable mindful element. This is called the theory of flow as in picking and arranging your flowers it distracts you from everyday life and allows you to restore yourself. Simple flower arrangements in a jam-jar or in a cup and saucer are easy and effective, so why not have a go. Anyone interested in flower arranging should contact Gaynor Edwards on: flowers@wtu3a.org.uk

Pétanque The pétanque group has now restarted with some 20 members attending the first session recently. Being outside and having fun was a very refreshing change from the isolation we have endured in recent months. It was so refreshing that the group will now meet weekly, every Monday afternoon, at Aylesbury Rugby Club. Anyone who fancies a go and is not an existing member of the group should contact Ken Shaw at chairman@wtu3a.org.uk Given the restrictions on numbers you will be added to the "wait" list and advised of meetings as places become available.

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