



# Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

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**NEXT MEETING** Our next general meeting is a social afternoon on Thursday 27th June at the Rugby Club with a **1.30pm start**. Please note the earlier than usual start as the Hog Roast will begin just before 2pm. There will also be a veggie option. The bar will also be open for drinks. The following general meeting is on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July and this features a talk by Michael Harris on the Lindengate Charity which is based in the village.

**LAST MEETING** Following the talk from Jo Turner, the Chief Executive of the Florence Nightingale Hospice at our last meeting, your Chairman, Treasurer and Publicity Officer have signed up to take part in their Midnight Walk on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Ken Shaw and the two Mikes (Bennett and Wise) would be really pleased if anyone would sponsor them using the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wtu3a>

**VILLAGE FETE** We are having a stall at this year's fete on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Help is needed in the morning to set up the stand and during the afternoon to man it and pass on information about all many activities we get up to. If any groups have items to display on the stand, Ken Shaw would be delighted to hear from them at [chairman@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:chairman@wtu3a.org.uk)

**NETWORK NEWS** The Thames Valley Network is holding a Study Day on 30<sup>th</sup> August at Kelmscott Manor near Lechlade. This is the summer home of William Morris (we go to his other house on our 13<sup>th</sup> September trip). The day includes tours and talks and costs £32. An application form is on our website, but be quick – it will fill up fast.

**TRIPS** There are still just a few places left for the next two trips. The first is on 19<sup>th</sup> July to see Cliveden House and a chance to explore the “Cliveden set” and to enjoy the surrounding countryside. Lunch can be bought there or you could bring a picnic lunch. The trip on 13<sup>th</sup> September features a visit to William Morris's house in North London and is followed by a boat trip and cream tea; Morris being the famous textile designer, poet, novelist and activist.

The final visit for the year – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - has already been filled up where the Tutankhamun exhibition, the Christmas lights and a fish and chip supper are all included.

## NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

**Local History** We are off to the Pitstone Museum for the June meeting – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> - with a 10am meet-up at the museum. This is a wonderful little museum which covers local rural life. This visit is now full. Glyn White has a well-deserved month off in July before we travel to Hughenden Manor on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August. This starts with an introductory talk before free time round the house, grounds and church. This is filling up fast so let Glyn know on [localhistory@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:localhistory@wtu3a.org.uk) if you are interested.

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**Food Appreciation** The group's next lunch is at 1pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June to the Five Arrows in Waddesdon for a two-course meal plus coffee. The cost is £22.50 which includes gratuities. Details from [foodappreciation@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:foodappreciation@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Science & Technology** After a wonderful day at the Mary Rose and HMS Warrior, the next two group meetings are back in the Chapel Room at 2.30pm. On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July John Beer will talk on "Wonder Materials" whilst on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August spreadsheets will be the subject of a workshop led by Paul Brown. The final tour for the year is to the Brooklands Museum on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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. There are still a few places left and more details are available from John Beer on [science@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:science@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Historic Buildings** The Broughton Castle visit on 8<sup>th</sup> August is now full. Details of future visits can be had from Janet Campbell or Eileen Langford at: [historicbuildings@wtu3a.co.uk](mailto:historicbuildings@wtu3a.co.uk)

**Visiting Churches** St Boltoph's in Bradenham is the venue for the visit on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Meeting time there is 1.45pm for a 2pm talk and tour. The following month (Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August) sees a visit to St James' Church in Bierton. Anyone not on the mailing list should contact Odette Harris at [churches@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:churches@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Extreme Activities** The next activity is scheduled for Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October and will be a curling experience near Tunbridge Wells. Although it is on ice (naturally) curlers have special shoes which prevent sliding. The cost will be £25. More details from Adrian Randall on: [extreme@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:extreme@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Garden Visits** The trip on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July to Old Camps at Headley near Thatcham is virtually full. The coach leaves from Main Street (opposite the shops) at 9.10am ready for an 11am visit. Coffee, tea and cake are included but you can bring your own lunch. The cost is £27.50.

The next one is on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August to Packwood House NT in Lapworth near Warwick. Guided tours are available and the house is also open. The coach leaves from opposite the shops at 9.15am with the visit starting at 11am. The cost is £18 for NT members and £29 for non-NT members. Details from Gaynor Edwards on [gardens@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:gardens@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Petanque** The group meets at the Rugby Club and is on the first and third Monday of each month from 2pm to 4pm. Boules are available and no experience is necessary. More details from Ken Shaw at: [petanque@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:petanque@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Theatre Visits** There are two performances scheduled for the future. Avenue Q, the musical comedy featuring puppets and humans is at the Waterside in Aylesbury on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm (stalls tickets are £24) and also at the Waterside is Nativity the Musical which is a high energy show based on the film. This is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm with stalls tickets being £19. Details from Melanie Evans on [theatre@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:theatre@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Christmas Dinner** It may be nearly six months away, but book the date now. Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at Pendley Manor. Details in future newsletters.

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