



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

March 2019

NEXT MEETING The March meeting will be at 2.30pm on Thursday 28th March at Aylesbury Rugby Club. Leah Lewis from Wheelpower will be talking to us about the work of this national charity for wheelchair sport which helps disabled people to play sport and lead healthy, active lives. Apart from talking about the charity which is based at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Leah will also bring some Paralympic torches.

TEAS To avoid another slap on the wrist can I again remind you that it would be very helpful to the environment if you could bring a cup with you for your teas and coffees at each general meeting.

MAGAZINES A reminder that we have now reinstated the magazine swops at our general meetings, so please bring along any old magazines and take away any you want.

SPECTACLES We are no longer collecting old specs as those that have been donated are on their way to Malawi.

CHAIRMAN'S PIECE With spring now officially here we can all look forward to longer days and the many activities our adventurous Group Leaders have provided for our enjoyment and entertainment in the warmer weather to come.

Our AGM will be held as part of the meeting at 2.30pm on Thursday 25th April at the Rugby Club. All the paperwork for this will be sent out by e-mail on 1st April so please don't treat it as an April Fool! In preparation for this meeting if anyone wants to join the committee they should forward a completed nomination form to Rosemary Williams by Thursday 4th April. There are currently two places available on the committee.

Finally, would Group Leaders please note there is a Group Leaders' meeting starting at 10am on Thursday 16th May in the Chapel Room.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS Renewal forms will be sent out shortly.

TRIPS With the trip on Friday 22nd March being oversubscribed you are reminded that many of our trips are very popular and need early booking. Trips for 24th May to Vintage Essex, 19th July to Cliveden and 13th September to North London were mentioned last month but the final one for the year is on Friday 6th December. This is a visit to the Tutankhamum exhibition at the Saatchi Gallery in west London followed by a tour of the Christmas lights and the inevitable fish and chip supper. Mandi Simons needs a deposit of £35 before the end of May – the total cost will be about £50.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Visiting Churches The first outing of the year is on *Tuesday 9th April* to St Mary's Church in Wendover. Meeting time there is 2pm. Anyone interested in going who is not on their mailing list should contact Odette Harris on churches@wtu3a.org.uk The following visits are to Dunstable Priory (*Tuesday 14th May*) and St Mary's in Chalgrove (*Tuesday 11th June*) and they continue on a monthly basis throughout the summer.

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.

Garden Visits The garden visits get under way again in April and will continue through to October. The April one is on *Wednesday 17th* and will be to Chenies Manor House and Gardens which open at 2pm. A visit to Waddesdon Manor and the Rothschild's family garden at Eythrope is scheduled for *Wednesday 8th May* – the garden tour being followed by lunch at the manor. The popular Huntsmoor Gardens at Bovingdon will be visited on *Wednesday 29th May* whilst on *Thursday 13th June* there is a coach trip to Mottisfont, the National Trust gardens in Romsey, Hants. The coach will cost £20 plus the NT entrance fee for non NT members. More details from Gaynor Edwards on gardens@wtu3a.org.uk

Science & Technology With the trip to Leighton Buzzard Railway being full, the following visit is on *Thursday 2nd May* which goes to two museums – the Museum of Military Medicine near Aldershot followed by the Milestones Museum in Basingstoke. The former one is self-explanatory, whilst the Milestones explores social, retail and industrial heritage. There is a coach for this with the total cost being £35. Portsmouth is the venue for the trip on *Thursday 6th June* where we will have guided tours of the Mary Rose Museum and HMS Warrior. There will also be time for a visit to other parts of the Historic Naval Dockyard. Total cost including the coach is £55. The final tour for the year is to the Brooklands Museum in Weybridge on *Thursday 5th September*. More details from John Beer on science@wtu3a.org.uk

Local History It's back to the normal 10.30am start for the next meeting which features a talk on the History of Hughendon Manor (this will be followed up with a trip there in August) and *23rd April* which will feature a talk called "Aspects of Heraldry". Both are in the Chapel Room. After that we go out for a walking tour of historical Marlow on *Tuesday 28th May* and a visit to Pitstone Museum on *Tuesday 25th June*.

Walking Group It was a brilliant decision by Norma Lyon to cancel the last walk as the rain and wind were really terrible that day. That scheduled walk starting in Aldbury will be repeated on *Tuesday 9th April* where we hope for better weather. The group meets at 10am at the Chandos and more information is available from Norma at: walkers@wtu3a.org.uk

Extreme Activities The Extreme group is back with a bang with microlight flying at Membury Airfield near Newbury. We have the Flight School for the day and will get 20 minute flights in Ikarus 42 microlights with the chance to take the controls. It is on *Thursday 20th June* and the cost is £49. More details from Adrian Randall on: extreme@wtu3a.org.uk

Historic Buildings This group is up and running again and their first foray is to Polesden Lacy in Surrey, via a coffee stop in Guildford, on *Thursday 9th May*. The coach cost is £16 and plus an admission charge to the house for non National Trust members. Further details from Janet Campbell at: historicbuildings@wtu3a.org.uk

Theatre Visits Please let Melanie Evans – theatre@wtu3a.org.uk – know if you want to go to any of these performances: *Sunday 5th May 7.30pm* - Remembering the Musicals with Jeanette and Alijaz (from Strictly), tickets £26.25 in the circle, *Wednesday 26th July 2.30pm* - Avenue Q tickets for the stalls £24 and *Thursday 7th November 1.30pm* – Nativity the Musical where stalls tickets are £19.

Touch Tennis This has already proved popular, but anyone else wanting to try short tennis should contact Ken Shaw as numbers are limited. It takes place from 2pm to 3pm every Tuesday at Halton Tennis Club. Contact Ken at chairman@wtu3a.org.uk if you are interested.

Finally – although some groups may be full, there are still spaces available for Table Tennis and Chess. Contact details are on our website.

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