



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

May 2019

NEXT MEETING Our next general meeting is on Thursday 23rd May at the Rugby Club with a 2.30pm start. The speaker this month comes from Florence Nightingale Hospice and we will hear about their superb work as 2019 marks their 30th anniversary.

LAST MEETING You will recall the last meeting was our AGM and congratulations go to our Vice Chairman, Chris Bennett for getting through the proceedings in such a quick time. This enabled us to get on with the cakes and have an enjoyable quiz so thanks to Paul Fincken and Jane Hobson for their hard work in preparing the quiz.

At the AGM the “new” committee was elected and this was exactly the same at the previous one with the exception of Rosemary Williams who retired as Secretary after giving us sterling service for almost ten years. However she will still be our Accessibility Officer.

So, your new committee is: Ken Shaw (Chairman), Chris Bennett (Vice Chairman), Jenny Hunt (Secretary), Mike Bennett (Treasurer), Carol Johnson (Membership Secretary), Heather Marshall (Deputy Membership Secretary), Heather Macknight (Webmaster), Mike Wise (Publicity/newsletter), Gaynor Edwards (Local Liaison Officer), plus Janet Hawkins, Annie Edwards and Lew Ayres as Committee members.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 27th June and this will be a social afternoon with a Hog roast. More details next month.

TEAS Thanks to everyone who bring their own cups for their general meeting refreshments
MAGAZINES, BOOKS, JIGSAWS ETC Please bring along any of these items to exchange at the meeting and feel free to take away any others.

MEMBERSHIP Anyone who has not returned their renewal form please do so, and those that have done so, you can collect your membership cards at the May general meeting.

TRIPS There could still be a few places left for the next two trips. These are on 19th July and 13th September. The former is 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 second one 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 6th December - has already been filled up where the Tutankhamum exhibition, the Christmas lights and a fish and chip supper are all included.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Local History Who didn’t go to the last meeting because they thought heraldry is boring? If so you missed an enlightening and excellent talk. Coming up on Tuesday 28th May is a guided walk round Marlow led by members of Marlow’s Historical Group and this trip is now full. The month after (25th June) is a visit to Pitstone Museum, a rural life museum which has exhibits relating to farming, country life and trades. There is also a full sized replica of a Lancaster bomber. Details from localhistory@wtu3a.org.uk

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Science & Technology The next trip is on Thursday 6th June where we will have guided tours of the Mary Rose Museum and HMS Warrior in the historic Portsmouth Dockyard. Total cost including the coach is £55. Following meetings on Thursdays 4th July and 1st August are back in the Chapel Room whilst the final tour for the year is to the Brooklands Museum on Thursday 5th September. This includes a guided tour of the Brooklands 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 from John Beer on science@wtu3a.org.uk

Historic Buildings On Thursday 8th August there is a visit to Broughton Castle near Banbury. The coach leaves the Chandos at 9.30am and stops in Banbury for coffee/shopping/walking or whatever before getting to the castle. Here there is a private guided tour followed by a cream tea. The cost will be £30. Further details from Janet Campbell or Eileen Langford at: historicbuildings@wtu3a.org.uk

Visiting Churches The next visit is to St Marys in Chalgrove, Oxon on Tuesday 11th June and the group will meet there at 1.45 ready for a 2pm start. Future visits are to St Boltoph's in Bradenham on Tuesday 9th July and to St James' in Bierton on Tuesday 13th August. Monthly visits will continue until October. Anyone not on the mailing list should contact Odette Harris at churches@wtu3a.org.uk

Extreme Activities As expected the microlight flying experience on 20th June filled up quickly. The next outing, depending on support, is scheduled for Thursday 10th October and will be a curling experience at 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

Garden Visits A couple of gardens well worth visiting are: Tuesday 16th July with a private visit to Old Camps at Headley near Thatcham. This garden is set in over an acre and is part of an old Roman encampment. It featured Gardeners World last year and has a vast Mediterranean terrace, prairie and tropical borders. 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 return journey starts around 3pm. The next one is on Thursday 15th August to Packwood House NT in Lapworth near Warwick. Packwood is known in gardening circles for its fabulous gardens, beautiful flower borders and sculptured yew topiary. 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. Departure from Packwood is at 3.45pm. The cost is £18 for NT members and £29 for non-NT members. **Please note the departure times from the village.** The trip to Huntsmoor on 29th May is full – meeting time at the Five Bells is **1.25pm** for a 1.30 departure - as is the Mottisfont one on 13th June – be at the bus stop opposite the WT shops for **8.50am**. More details from Gaynor Edwards on gardens@wtu3a.org.uk

Petanque (or boules for the uninitiated) The group restarts on Monday 20th May at the Rugby Club and will meet 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

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