



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

November 2018

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting on Thursday 22nd November is a social afternoon which includes a bring-and-buy sale. Any items for sale can be brought along to the meeting. Other highlights include a raffle for a magnificent quilt and other handiwork from the Patchwork & Quilting group, seasonal refreshments and a musical presentation from Paul Fincken and the Folk, Blues and Beyond group. The timetable for the afternoon will be: 2.30pm – notices from Chairman and Group Leaders followed by the musical interlude. After that, the bring and buy sale will begin and the mulled wine, stollen and mince pies will be available.

In previous years proceeds from the bring and buy sale have gone to Children in Need, but this time it will be another children's charity – the Linus Project – which will benefit from our efforts. Linus is a volunteer organisation that provides a sense of comfort and security to sick and traumatised babies, children and teenagers through the provision of new, home-made patchwork quilts and knitted blankets. The Patchwork and Quilting group members have been busy making quilts for Linus and examples of these will be displayed at the meeting.

DIARIES The U3A diaries will be available at this meeting.

GOSH At our last meeting we had an excellent presentation from Marcia Watson on the history and work of Great Ormond Street Hospital. She has since sent us a lovely letter of thanks for the £240 that was raised at the meeting. Marcia also presented us with a book on the history of the hospital and this will soon be available for members to borrow.

BARNARDO'S CHARITY At the last two meetings Paul and Sue Brown were selling cards and other Christmas goodies in aid of Barnardo's Charity. Thanks to your generosity they made a total of £242 and their thanks are sent to everyone who contributed to this total.

SPEC SAVERS The number of pairs of spectacles being put into the box for distribution in Malawi continues to grow. The box is available at the Rugby Club at each general meeting and these old specs will be taken by Aylesbury Grammar School pupils when they go out to Malawi in 2019.

CHRISTMAS DINNER Our Christmas dinner on Friday 14th December at the Oxfordshire Golf Hotel at Milton Common near Thame is now full.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT As a member of the Thames Valley U3A Network our members are invited to attend the Brandenburg Traditional Christmas Concert on Wednesday 12th December at the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, London WC2R 0DA. Tickets are £19.50 each.

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NETWORK NEWS A U3A Study Day entitled “The Drama of Dunkirk” is being held at the River & Rowing Museum in Henley on Tuesday 5th March. The intention of the day is to further understand one of the main operations of World War 2. Although this is early notice, places are limited so you are advised to complete the application form which can be found on our website.

LOOKING AHEAD The year 2020 marks the 10th anniversary of the Weston Turville U3A and already the committee are looking at ways of marking this milestone. If anyone is interested in being on a sub-committee to help plan events would they please get in touch with our chairman, Ken Shaw on: chairman@wtu3a.org.uk

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Science & Technology A very busy year for the group ends on Thursday 6th December when Paul Brown will be give a talk and demonstration entitled “Why things move and aren’t people strange!” It will be in the Chapel Room at 2.30pm. Next year’s programme is now being prepared and details of all Science & Technology meetings are available from John Beer on science@wtu3a.org.uk

Local History The October talk by Roger King provoked some wonderful memories of Aylesbury. For November Hugh Grainger will give another one of his entertaining talks; this time it’s “I’m not really old, it’s those tablets”. It will be on Tuesday 27th November at 10.30am in the Chapel Room. As the date for the following meeting would be 25th December there won’t be any more local history until January.

Walking The Christmas walk will be on Tuesday 11th December. This is based at the Greyhound in Wiggington with a shorter walk than usual preceding the lunch. Lunch places are now full, but if you just want the walk you are still welcome and hopefully the walk won’t be stopped by snow as happened last year. Norma Lyon will send out exact times for the walk to those on her database, but anyone else wanting details can get hold of her on: walkers@wtu3a.org.uk

Flower Arranging The group will have their usual meeting on Monday 10th December at Buckland Village Hall from 2.15pm. This will be a Christmas wreath making workshop – the sixth year the group has done this. The group will make either traditional mossed door wreaths or Christmas table arrangements which will be finished with candles and decorations. Nibbles will be served during the afternoon. Further details from Gaynor Edwards on flowers@wtu3a.org.uk

**THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE OF WESTON TURVILLE U3A
WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND
SUPPORTERS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND
HEALTHY NEW YEAR.**

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