



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

November 2019

NEXT MEETING Our next meeting is on **Thursday 28th November** and will feature a talk by Glynn White on the history of Weston Turville. Please note: for this month only we are meeting at St Mary's Church in Weston Turville. It all starts at 2.30pm and seasonal refreshments will be available. Please remember, car parking and toilets are limited at the church so come prepared!

The first meeting of 2020 is on **Thursday 23rd January** back at the Rugby Club and features another talk by Tom Way – this time on wildlife photography.

LAST MEETING Our well attended October meeting was highlighted by a superb talk on the Rothschilds and their connection with the local area. Additionally Paul and Sue Brown would like to thank everyone who bought Christmas cards and gift bags which raised £165 for Barnardo's.

U3A DIARIES It is hoped that 2020 U3A diaries will be available at the November general meeting and for those not there diaries will be distributed as soon as possible afterwards. More details from Jenny Hunt on: secretary@wtu3a.org.uk

RECOMMENDED TRADERS As you may know we have run the Trusted Traders scheme which is a list of recommended and trustworthy tradespeople. After several years' sterling service, Diana Richmond stepped down and Rosemary Williams has taken it on and can be contacted on recommended@wtu3a.org.uk

NETWORK NEWS Our Network is hosting a Christmas Concert by the Brandenburg Singers at 2pm on **Tuesday 3rd December** at St James' Church in Paddington, West London. Tickets are £19.50 each for the concert, mince pies and mulled wine. More details on their website: www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk or from paul.i.booker@gmail.com.

The Network has various study days planned for 2020 but one that might be of particular interest is in Amersham on **Wednesday 8th April** and it's about Cyber Crime. More information on their website which also has a list of all their study days.

TRIPS – Final Call As you know, the trip to London on **Friday 6th December** is fully booked with a reserve list. However, if you have not paid Mandi Simons the balance of £23 by the evening of Thursday 28th November (the general meeting day) your place will be offered to someone on that reserve list.

SPEAKER SECRETARY All of next year's programme is planned thanks to Heather Marshall's efforts. However, she wants to step down in 2021 and would be delighted to hear from anyone who might like to take on this vital role and maybe shadow her for a while. Anyone interested could contact her on speaker.secretary@wtu3a.org.uk

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NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Local History The final meeting for the year is on **Tuesday 26th November** when Bob Keating will speak on The Rothschilds and the Building of Waddesdon. More details from Glynn on localhistory@wtu3a.org.uk. As usual, it's 10.30am in the Chapel Room.

Mahjong This new group has now started with meetings on the first and third Thursdays from 2pm to 4pm in the Chapel Hall. There is a charge of £1 per session for the room hire. Details from mahjong@wtu3a.org.uk Novices and more experienced players are welcome.

Theatre Visits A number of trips are booked for early 2020. These are: Wednesday 12th February – 6pm “Six” – the musical about Henry VIII’s wives (£28), Friday 21st February – 7.30pm “The Kite Runner” (£19.50), Wednesday 26th February – 7.30pm Anton and Erin Dance Show (£30.50), Wednesday 4th March – 2.30pm Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein (£22.50), and Wednesday 29th April – 2.30pm “Some Mothers Do ‘Av Em” with Joe Pasquale (£26). Details from Melanie Evans on theatre@wtu3a.org.uk

Walkers The December walk is a week earlier than usual **Tuesday 3rd December** as it ends up at the Greyhound in Wigginton for Christmas lunch. The meeting time at the Chandos will be later than normal at 10.30am prior to an 11am start for the walk. However, anyone not wanting to eat is welcome to just do the walk. Details from Norma Lyon at: walkers@wtu3a.org.uk

Book Club 3 This group is up and running and meets on the first Friday morning of each month at 11 Kestrel Way, Aylesbury HP19 0GH. The current book is Dangerous Crossings by Rachel Rhys. More details from Lisa or Peter Smith on bookclub3@wtu3a.org.uk

Family History (not our group but Aston Clinton’s). Our members are invited to a talk by Alan Ruston at their meeting at 2pm on **Tuesday 7th January** at Halton Village Hall. The talk is entitled “Pantomime and music hall over the centuries. The origin and development of the popular theatre in Britain and finding out about those vivid characters who trod the boards”. Charge for visitors is £3.

Science & Technology The final meeting of 2019 is in the Chapel Room at 2.30pm on **Thursday 5th December** when there is a talk by Gwyn Williams entitled “Concorde – the beginning and the end.” Although this completes a very busy year for the group, 2020 looks to be even busier and starts on **Thursday 6th February** with a talk on the wonders of electricity. After that visits are scheduled for the Wellcome Collection, Milton Keynes Museum and Steam – The Great Western Railway Museum in Swindon. More details are available from John Beer on science@wtu3a.org.uk

Russian There is a small Wendover U3A-led Russian speaking group meeting in Weston Turville. Anyone is welcome to come along and details can be had from Chris Peeler on chrispeeler@ntlworld.com or on 01296 624089.

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

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