



# Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

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**NEXT MEETING** Our next general meeting is at the Rugby Club on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October starting at 2.30pm when our guest speaker will be Marcia Watson from Great Ormond Street Hospital who will enlighten us as to the history and ground-breaking work that is carried out at this world famous hospital.

The following meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November is our bring-and-buy sale. Please bring any items for sale along to either the October or November meetings. All proceeds are going to the Linus Project.

**CHAIRMAN'S PIECE** As I write this note I am sitting in the garden in shorts and t-shirt – is it really mid-October? We've enjoyed a fabulous, extended summer and hope, like me, that you have all enjoyed the many activities organised by a great team of Group Leaders. On behalf of you all I thank each and every one of them for making the summer even more enjoyable. Moving forward there are lots of activities planned over the winter months so please take advantage of them.

I am delighted to report that we have a very active team of committee members to ensure the smooth running of your U3A. Although it is six months away we are thinking about succession plans as some members of the committee will have completed their tenure next April. If you would like to join the committee please let me know in person or by e-mail at [chairman@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:chairman@wtu3a.org.uk).

In recent days you may have read that a GP led Government campaign to address "loneliness". The U3A has written to national newspapers to make them aware of our presence and our role in providing activities to help bring people together to help alleviate loneliness. Copies of the letter are on: [www.u3a.org.uk/about/news-archives/416-u3a-welcomes-government-strategy-to-alleviate-loneliness](http://www.u3a.org.uk/about/news-archives/416-u3a-welcomes-government-strategy-to-alleviate-loneliness)

The centenary of the end of the First World War is rapidly approaching and there are lots of events planned to commemorate those who died in both World Wars and other military campaigns. We shall be laying a wreath on behalf of the U3A at the Act of Remembrance on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am at the War Memorial in Weston Turville (located on the green at the junction of Worlds End Lane and School Lane). Everyone is welcome to come and pay their respects to those who gave their lives.

Ken Shaw

**SPEC SAVING** The number of pairs of spectacles being put into the box for distribution in Malawi is growing extremely fast. 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.

**BARNARDO'S CHARITY** At the last meeting Paul and Sue Brown were selling cards and other Christmas goodies. They made £95 for this excellent charity and will be back at the October meeting with more Christmas cards and gift bags at bargain prices.

Remember to check the website [www.wtu3a.org.uk](http://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.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER** There are a few places left for our Christmas dinner which will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at the Oxfordshire Golf Hotel at Milton Common near Thame. The cost is £26.50 and for this you will get a three course dinner, tea or coffee and a raffle ticket. Full payment should be made by cheque (non-refundable after our October meeting). There is a coach available, but its almost full, leaving from the Chandos and the shops. The coach fare is just £5. Further details from either Rosemary Williams or Pam Wilson at [xmaslunch@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:xmaslunch@wtu3a.org.uk) Finally, can anyone who has not yet completed their menu choice please let Pam or Rosemary know by the October meeting. Thanks.

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

## **NEWS FROM THE GROUPS**

**Science & Technology** The last couple of trips to the Shuttleworth Collection and the Music Museum have been very interesting and fairly well supported. The Postal Museum trip on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November and has been oversubscribed for some time. This visit to north London includes a walking tour, a trip round the museum and a journey on their railway plus a tour of the lights on the way home.

The S & T year finishes at 2.30pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at the Chapel Room when Paul Brown will give us part two of his "Why Things Move" talk and demonstration. If it's anywhere near as good as part one it will be a superb, thought provoking afternoon.

Details of all Science & Technology meetings are available from John Beer on [science@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:science@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Petanque** Thanks to the glorious weather, the group was able to continue well into October. However it has now finished for the winter and will recommence in May 2019. Watch this space for more details nearer the time.

**Local History** The next talk is at 10.30am on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at the Chapel Room when Roger King will speak on "Aylesbury - recent history and lost heritage". 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". Book the date now - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am in the Chapel Room.

**Walking** After the latest walk in the Aldbury area where we came across a herd of llamas, the next walk will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November with a meeting, as usual, at the Chandos at 10am. The Christmas walk will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. This is based at the Greyhound in Wiggington with a shorter walk than usual preceding the lunch. Places are filling up very quickly so if you are interested let Norma Lyon know at

[walkers@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:walkers@wtu3a.org.uk) Anyone not wanting lunch is still welcome to come along for the walk – details of the meeting time and place will be in next month's newsletter.

**Food Appreciation Group** As it's Beaujolais Nouveau time again, the group are meeting at 7pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November at the Chequers in the village for a three course celebratory meal plus the new tippie. It costs £27.50 per head and more information can be found through: [food.appreciation@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:food.appreciation@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Space Science Interest Group** Ron Batts of Aston Clinton U3A is looking to start a new group - one which would follow various space related projects and discover more about them. Anyone interested should contact Ron on 01296 631938.

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