



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

October 2019

NEXT MEETING The October meeting is on **Thursday 24th October** at the Rugby Club from 2.30pm and the talk by Adam Smith has a local theme: “The Rothschilds and Aylesbury Vale.” Also at the meeting Paul and Sue Brown will again be selling quality Christmas cards (£1 per pack) and gift bags (50p) to raise funds for Barnardo’s so why not grab a bargain and support a worthy cause. The following meeting is on **Thursday 28th November** and will be at St Mary’s Church rather than the Rugby Club.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH This will be on **Thursday 12th December** at Pendley Manor and there is still time to book. The cost is £31 including the raffle. Contact either Pam Wilson or Rosemary Williams on xmaslunch@wtu3a.org.uk or see them at the October meeting.

U3A DIARIES Good news – the 2020 U3A diaries are now £2.75 and not the price previously mentioned. If you want to get one please let our Secretary Jenny Hunt know no later than the general meeting on 24th October. Cash with order please. Deliveries will be at the November meeting, or will be delivered to you somehow. More information from Jenny at 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 is stepping down and Rosemary Williams will take 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 the TV Network U3A website or from paul.i.booker@gmail.com

10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS To celebrate our tenth anniversary in 2020, a number of events are being held. Hopefully all members will participate in at least one of these events:

28th May - Launch event at our general meeting – afternoon tea and cakes with a Bake Off competition

12th–15th June - Isle of Wight trip (now fully booked).

25th June – Hog roast with entertainment as part of a general meeting.

10th November – Quiz night with fish and chip supper at the Rugby Club.

14th April 2021 – Grand Finale. 60s night with live band, dancing and buffet.

Events which take part within a general meeting will be free of charge to members. More information on all these will be in future newsletters.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Extreme Activities After curling it is now darts, but with a difference! This is Social Darts and will be at the Bloomsbury Flight Club which is close to Tottenham Court Road station. Two oches have been booked from 2pm on **Thursday 21st November**. The cost is £5 and there are just a few places left. You cannot take your own darts as the Flight Club ones are customised so they can be tracked as you throw them. More details from Adrian Randall on: extreme@wtu3a.org.uk

Local History Glynn White is presenting “A Historical Pictorial ‘Walk’ around Weston Turville” which will form the basis for the next meeting on **Tuesday 22nd October** in the Chapel Hall from 10.30am. 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. Again, it’s 10.30am in the Chapel Room.

Science & Technology After a superb trip to Quainton, the next events are: **Thursday 7th November** talk on Fusion given by Wendover U3A member Bob Woodman and on **Thursday 5th December** there is a talk by Gwyn Williams entitled “Concorde – the beginning and the end.” Both events are in the Chapel Room and start at 2.30pm. More details are available from John Beer on science@wtu3a.org.uk

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

Petanque The season has now ended although it is hoped there might be the chance of some practice during the winter. Watch this space for developments. Some 20 members in five teams competed in the National U3A championships in Hayling Island with the Brook End Battlers getting through to the Bronze play off and the Reservoir Dogs winning the White play-off. Thanks to team manager Malcolm who kept everyone motivated and ensured players got to the right place at the right time. From the experience the teams will look for more coaching, some better terrain to play on, some competition boules and more equipment. Further petanque information from Ken Shaw on petanque@wtu3a.org.uk

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.

Walkers Another reminder that the December walk is on **Tuesday 3rd December** ending up at the Greyhound in Wigginton where Christmas lunch is available if booked in advance with Norma Lyon. Prior to that there is a walk on **Tuesday 12th November** meeting at 10am at the Chandos Details from Norma at: walkers@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.

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.