



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

October 2020

Learn, laugh, live, learn.

Next meeting Our next general meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 22nd October** with the 2.30pm talk being given by Eric Jackson. This is a really topical presentation as it covers the events leading up to 5th November 1605. It tells who the conspirators were and why the plot failed; how the plotters were caught and what their ultimate fate was. Could the plot have succeeded? The talk examines a modern-day reconstruction of the planned explosion and what the result would have been.

As usual, log-in details will be sent a few days beforehand.

What a shame last month's talk wasn't better supported as it was a humorous and well-presented account of a trip round the country exploring different forms of yoga. Alas, there wasn't too much take up for naked yoga!

Speaker Secretary Simon Evers is booking Zoom speakers for the first three months on 2021 and would like to hear from any members who have a particular topic they would like included in future talks. Please contact Simon on speaker.secretary@wtu3a.org.uk

Our final Zoom meeting for 2020 will be on **Thursday 26th November**.

Remembrance Sunday For obvious reasons this will be very low-key this year and Chairman Ken Shaw will lay the wreath at the village war memorial on Sunday 8th November on our behalf.

Membership renewal update Memberships expired on 1st October so your £7.50 needs to be sent to our Treasurer Mike Bennett, together with, hopefully, a Gift Aid form.

Christmas lunch Due to current restrictions the Christmas lunch has been cancelled

National U3A News Although not quite the same as Radio 2, U3A Radio is available to all members. Produced by head office it is available as a podcast. You can access it by subscribing to the U3A You Tube Channel and more details can be found on our website.

U3A Diaries The order has gone off and once the diaries have been delivered, Jenny Hunt will make contact regarding collection and delivery. Incidentally, due to the national ordering system, Jenny has a couple of spare diaries so if you still want one get in touch with her at secretary@wtu3a.org.uk

Thames Valley Network News The Network is hosting a Zoom talk entitled Portrait of Elizabeth I on **Wednesday 11th November**. It will be given by Professor Susan Doran who is a fellow of the Historical Association. The cost is £5 and details can be had from Fay Sinai at fay.sinai@icloud.com

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NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Walking Would anyone like to take over the Walking Group or even lead a walk? Norma Lyon is having problems with her knee and is unable to take part in some of the walks so she would like volunteers to either run the group or just lead an occasional walk. At present the walks are not ending with a lunch so that is one less issue to organise. More details of what is involved can be had from Norma on walkers@wtu3a.org.uk

We are looking at the possibility of resurrecting the Strollers group and also starting up a group for longer walks. Anyone interested in either of these should contact Ken Shaw on chairman@wtu3a.org.uk

Trips There was plenty of interest in Mandi Simons' proposed London trip in December and it would have gone ahead. However, with the recent Coronavirus news and the possibility of a London lockdown Mandi has decided that it would not be safe to run it so she has reluctantly decided to cancel it. Her apologies to those who were interested but the risks are currently too great.

Pilates The pilates class has been suspended until further notice due to unforeseen circumstances. However there are several classes available in the village hall for those wanting to get involved.

Touch Tennis (aka Soft tennis) The group meets indoors every Tuesday, from 2pm to 3pm, at Halton Tennis Centre. Anyone interested in some light exercise on a short tennis court using a racket and sponge ball should contact Ken Shaw on touchtennis@wtu3a.org.uk

L.O.Y.O (Living on your own) We had our first successful meeting at Dobbies for coffee. It was decided that we would try to hold something each month (Covid permitting). Two suggestions were made, Sunday lunch at the Chandos and a visit to the Silver Screen, depending what is on. Anyone else who is interested should contact Rosemary Williams on: loyo@wtu3a.org.uk

Petanque The weather has affected the group over recent weeks (they meet every Monday from 2pm to 4pm at Aylesbury Rugby Club) and hopefully it will continue until the end of October. Up to 30 members have been taking part in each session and more details are available from Ken Shaw on petanque@wtu3a.org.uk

Book Club 2 It was decided that each month the members of this group would be emailed and the first five to reply would be able to attend that month then those that were unable to come to that meeting would be given first choice next month. This month's book is by Berandine Everisto - Girl, Woman, Other. A recommendation was also made to read the true story of Anthony Ray Hinton, whose only crime was to be born black and poor, he spent 30 years on death row. Details of the group's activities can be had from Rosemary Williams at: bookclub2@wtu3a.org.uk

Beginners Bridge There have been some thoughts that the Beginners Bridge group could restart so if anyone is interested in leading it they could contact Carol Johnson at: membership@wtu3a.org.uk (who is involved with the Bridge group) for more information. Hopefully the existing Bridge group will resume shortly.

Table Tennis The group has now restarted and operates on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons in Aston Clinton Youth Club which is close to the Hub. Details from Paul Fincken at tabletennis@wtu3a.org.uk

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