



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

September 2018

NEXT MEETING Our next general meeting is at the Rugby Club on Thursday 27th September starting at 2.30pm. The speaker is William French who was a butler to various members of the Royal Family and he will regale us with anecdotes about his working life in the Royal Navy, on the Royal Yacht Britannia and later as being a butler for many famous Hollywood celebrities.

BOOK EXCHANGE Please remember we now only need paperbacks and not hardbacks or magazines for the book swap at each general meeting.

DIARIES Rosemary Williams is still taking orders for the excellent 2019 U3A diary. Please let Rosemary have the £2.50 with your order. The final date for ordering will be the September general meeting and deliveries will be made in October and November.

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

CHRISTMAS DINNER Our Christmas dinner will be on Friday 14th 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). If you want to organise a table for 8 or 10 people, one person will be responsible for the reservation and payment. There is a coach available leaving from Jansel Square, 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

CHILTERN MS SOCIETY You may recall that last year we had an interesting talk about the Chiltern MS Society which is based in Wendover. One of their next fundraising efforts is an evening of music and song at St George's Church in Halton presented by the RAF Halton Voluntary Band and the Military Wives Choir. It starts at 7.30pm on Saturday 29th September and tickets costing £10 are available from fundraising@chilternsmcentre.org or by ringing them on 01296 823040.

GADGET RECYCLING We have been asked to mention Gadget Recycling which is a government backed scheme to recycle old electronic devices (mobile phones, laptops etc). The company will also repair these items. They are based in High Wycombe and details can be had on their website: www.gadgetrehab.co.uk

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NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Science & Technology Despite the winter approaching there are still plenty of trips available for the group starting with Tuesday 2nd October when there is a trip to the Music Museum in west London. There are still spaces left with an 11am meeting at the Five Bells for transport. The cost is £8.50. This is a fascinating collection of self-playing musical instruments from the mighty Wurlitzer theatre organ to tiny musical boxes.

The Postal Museum trip on Tuesday 20th November 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. Total cost is £43 plus another tenner for a fish and chip lunch.

The year finishes at 2.30pm on Thursday 6th 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

Local History With no meeting in September, the next talk is at 10.30am on Tuesday 23rd October at the Chapel Room when Roger King will speak on “Aylesbury - recent history and lost heritage”.

Walking The next walk will be on Tuesday 9th October with a meeting, as usual, at the Chandos at 10am.

Visiting Churches The final church visit of the year is to St John the Baptist in Little Missenden on Tuesday 9th October for a 2pm start. Details from Odette Harris at churches@wtu3a.org.uk

Patchwork & Quilting The group is still busy in preparation for the November general meeting and many of their efforts are being raffled with proceeds going to The Linus Project. First prize will be a magnificent quilt made by group leader Maureen Reeves. The group meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month – the experts in the morning and the slightly less experienced in the afternoon.

Extreme Activities After the recent martial arts, the Extreme team don’t have anything lined up for a while, but if anyone has any suggestions as to future activities they would be pleased to hear from them, particularly if you are happy to help with the organisation of it. They can be contacted at extreme@wtu3a.org.uk

Finally Although this is not officially a U3A activity, several members from other groups play indoor short tennis at Quarrendon/Meadowcroft leisure centre in Aylesbury on the second and fourth Friday of each month from 1pm to 5pm. Equipment is supplied and it costs £3.50 per session. No experience is necessary. Details from Steve Walmsley on 07808 906375 or steve.walms@gmail.com

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