



# Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

September 2019

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**NEXT MEETING** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September is the date of our next general meeting and this time well known writer and traveller Philip Caine will give a talk entitled “Barrow to Baghdad and back”. He regularly talks to U3A groups and they all say what an entertaining and engaging speaker he is. It starts at 2.30pm at the Rugby Club.

The October meeting is on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October and has a local theme: The Rothschilds and Aylesbury Vale.

**LAST MEETING** What a brilliant talk we had from Andrew Harris on the heritage work that has taken place in Stoke Mandeville in preparation for HS2. The audience was enthralled by his presentation on everything that has happened so far and what is likely to happen in the future.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH** This will be on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** at Pendley Manor. For your £31 you will get a three course meal plus tea or coffee and mince pies. Crackers and raffle tickets are also provided. Bookings and payment must be made by the end of September and meal choices by the end of October. The choices are: *Starters* – duck liver & orange pate or beetroot and goats cheese salad or celeriac and blue cheese soup, *Mains* – turkey and trimmings, blade of beef or root vegetable tagliatelle. *Desserts* – Christmas pudding, Yule log and coulis or mandarin & cardamom tart. More details from Pam Wilson or Rosemary Williams on [xmaslunch@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:xmaslunch@wtu3a.org.uk)

**U3A DIARIES** 2020 U3A diaries are now available for £3.25. If you want to get one please let our Secretary Jenny Hunt know no later than the general meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> October. Cash with order please. Deliveries will be in November and December. More information from Jenny on 07831 241877 or [secretary@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:secretary@wtu3a.org.uk)

**10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.** The Isle of Wight trip filled up quickly so those wanting to go will hear from Arlene Bocking about payment. She is contactable on [iow@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:iow@wtu3a.org.uk) News of all the other anniversary activities will be announced shortly.

**NETWORK NEWS** The TV Network is holding a Ukulele activity day at Benson on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. This will give participants the chance to share the creation of music with other U3A members and being led by Andy Carter from Aylesbury Vale U3A you can be sure it will be great fun. The cost is £9 and forms are on: [www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk](http://www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk)

**TRIPS** The final visit for the year - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - has already been filled up. Good news is that Mandi Simons will be organising one more trip next year before she “retires”. The date is yet to be announced but it will be called “Bishops, Beer and Brothels”.

**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.**

## **NEWS FROM THE GROUPS**

**Extreme Activities** The curling experience to Fenton's Rink near Tunbridge Wells on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October** has filled up quickly so more lanes have been reserved for 4pm that day. A special deal of £55 for dinner, bed and breakfast (£75 for singles) is available for those coming that day and wanting to stay on afterwards. It is almost full, but Adrian might just find a space if you are quick. More details from Adrian Randall on: [extreme@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:extreme@wtu3a.org.uk).

**Local History** The Hughenden Manor trip was a great success and much enjoyed by everyone there. It is back to the Chapel Room for the meeting on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September** where Colin Oakes will talk on "Chesham - Boots, Brushes, Booze and Baptists". More details from Glynn White on [localhistory@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:localhistory@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Science & Technology** There are still some places left for the trip on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** to Buckinghamshire Railway Centre in Quanton. This is an all day visit, meeting there at 10.30am, with a tour of the site, a trip on the miniature railway plus coffee and lunch. The cost is £14. More details are available from John Beer on [science@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:science@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Visiting Churches** The final visit of 2019 is to St Laurence Church in Cholesbury on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October** Meet there at 1.45pm for the tour, but if you need transport contact Odette Harris at [churches@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:churches@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Garden Visits** On **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** we have a visit to Stowe House and gardens with departure from the Five Bells at 9.45am. This includes a trip round the house at 2pm costing £5.50 (this is for everyone as NT membership doesn't cover this) plus another £11.70 for the gardens for non-NT members. The garden tour is now in the morning and we leave for home at 3.45pm. The Stowe café is open for food. Drivers are needed for this trip. More details from Gaynor Edwards on: [gardens@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:gardens@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Theatre Visits** Visits currently planned are: **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September** – Madagascar the Musical, **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – Carole (the Carole King musical), **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November** Nativity the Musical and **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** – My Mountain Life by Simon Yates. Details from Melanie Evans on [theatre@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:theatre@wtu3a.org.uk) There are plenty of trips under consideration for 2020 so watch this space for more details.

**Petanque** We have five teams who are busy practising for the U3A National Petanque tournament on Hayling Island later this month, so good luck to them all. Weather depending, our usual petanque sessions will continue until October. More information from Ken Shaw on [petanque@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:petanque@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Mahjong** This new group will start on **3<sup>rd</sup> October** 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](mailto:mahjong@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Walkers** After a superb walk round Little Missenden, the group's next trip is on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October** and will be in the Marsworth area. Details from Norma Lyon at: [walkers@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:walkers@wtu3a.org.uk)

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