



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

September 2020

Learn, laugh, live, learn.

Next meeting The next meeting will be on **Thursday 24th September** with the 2.30pm talk being given by Elizabeth Gowing and called “Unlikely positions in unlikely places – a yoga journey around Britain.” It is partly a fascinating travelogue round the country and partly a humorous account of her exploration of yoga.

Once again, you will be emailed details of how to access the meeting a couple of days beforehand and don't forget to bring your “virtual” refreshments to the meeting!

After that another couple of very topical Zoom meetings are arranged with **22nd October** on the Gunpowder Plot and **26th November** - Social Distancing in the 17th Century!

Membership renewal update The committee agreed to extend the rollover of membership until the end of September so membership renewals are due on 1st October for a subscription of £7.50 which runs through to 31st March 2021. All the documentation including Gift Aid forms has been sent out and should be returned to Mike Bennett.

National U3A News The national U3A is producing a collage to celebrate the ways in which people have been using their craft activities during lockdown. The collage will be formed of hundreds (hopefully!) of pictures of squares, individually designed and created by members and U3As across the country. These will be brought together to form a giant digital collage in both virtual and physical book form. Further details are now on our website. Our Patchwork & Quilting group are already helping to create this collage.

U3A Diaries The U3A Trust is again offering diaries to its members at a cost of £3 each. They have a Blue cover with the usual week to a view with notes page. Payment must be at the same time as ordering. With no General Meetings to facilitate payment with your order our preferred method of payment is by -

- **Bank Transfer** to Account name: Weston Turville U3A, Sort Code 60-01-31 Account Number **50853236**. Please include reference **DIARY**
- **Cheque with order** made payable to ‘**Weston Turville U3A**’ and sent to **WTU3A Secretary, 10 Brudenell Drive, Stoke Mandeville, Bucks HP22 5UR**. It is essential that whatever method of payment is made your order is sent to the Secretary either by email at secretary@wtu3a.org.uk or posted to Secretary as shown above by **10th October**. Please give your Name, Address, and a contact number.

Collection/delivery arrangements will be notified next month. **It is important that you order your diary as soon as possible as we understand this year supplies are limited.** Any enquiries to Jenny Hunt on 01296 613217 or 077831 241877 or secretary@wtu3a.org.uk

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.

Thames Valley Network News Following the success of the last TVN Ukulele Day last year, there will be another one on Zoom on **Thursday 1st October** at 10.30am. It will be aimed at: those who have a ukulele but don't know how to play it, and people who are keen to start and don't have an instrument. It is free but you need to register by 24th September (details on our website).

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Walking It's amazing how many different walks you can get round Weston Turville, but another great one was found for the September one which took in parts of Weston Turville, Wendover and Halton. The next one is scheduled for **Tuesday 13th October**. Norma Lyon will send details to group members or you can contact her on: walkers@wtu3a.org.uk Norma is also looking at organising the group's annual Christmas lunch at the Greyhound in Wigginton, so please get in touch with her for more information.

Church Visits We are sorry there have been no church visits this year. We had hoped to go to St Michaels in Stewkley in August but they cancelled, so we have not organised anything for the rest of the year. Hopefully we can restart in Spring 2021. Best wishes to everyone from group leaders Geoffrey and Odette and we hope you are keeping well.

Science & Technology The visit to the Silverstone Experience museum went ahead on Thursday 3rd September and proved to be very successful. The set-up was well organised and after the temperature checks, we were free to walk round in a safe Covid-free environment. The exhibits are very interesting and the staff are enthusiastic and knowledgeable. Unfortunately, the next outings to BMW in Oxford and Milton Keynes Museum have had to be cancelled as neither place is able to host parties during the current crisis. More information about the group from John Beer at science@wtu3a.org.uk

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

L.O.Y.O Rosemary Williams is now the Group Leader for our new group called "Living on your own" (LOYO). This group will not only be for people on their own, it is open to Carers and/or people that have a relative living in a care home. For those that don't know, Rosemary has been a member of WTU3A for 10 years and has been recently widowed so she knows what it is like to live on your own and of the times when you feel you may like to go out for dinner/lunch/cup of tea but feel uncomfortable on your own. If enough people are interested, a socially distanced get-together will be arranged to discuss what would be of interest. Please email her on loyo@wtu3a.org.uk if interested.

Trips Mandi Simons is looking to run a trip to London on a Tuesday or Thursday in December but needs to know the level of support it would get. The itinerary for this Covid-secure trip is: 11am Crossness Pumping Station (tour and coffee), 1.30pm lunch in Greenwich and visit to the covered market, 3.30pm boat trip to Westminster, 4.30pm tour of London lights, 6pm refreshments at Natural History Museum or Somerset House Ice Rink 6.45pm leave for home. The cost is dependent on the numbers in the same bubble on the coach. If 26 people want to go, the cost is about £60 but if 53 are going it would be £48. Please let Mandi know if you are interested on: agysimons@gmail.com

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