



# Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

April 2021

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**Next General Meeting.** After last month's talk on dairy farming there is a change of emphasis on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** when we have a presentation called Music in Art given by Sophie Matthews. She is a historical musician and instrument maker and will explore the links between the visual and the aural in music. Drawing on the works of great painters Sophie presents a variety of images of historical woodwind instruments in their original social context. The symbolism of music in mediaeval and Renaissance arts is also explored, along with live performances of historical music upon authentic instruments. The following meeting, which is also our AGM, is scheduled for **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May** at 2.15pm and features a talk on scam awareness. Looking further ahead, we are planning to have the June meeting virtually and then expect to be back at the Rugby Club for our July meeting.

**Last General Meeting** What a superb presentation we had at the last meeting with Jane Barnes' recollections of being a dairy farmer's wife. It combined humour with information and provided us with a most entertaining hour. How many of us knew that full fat milk is 96% water and next time we have genuine blue Stilton cheese the milk may well have come from her farm in Leicestershire.

**Committee news** If anyone is interested in joining the committee they are welcome to contact Chairman, Ken Shaw ([chairman@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:chairman@wtu3a.org.uk)) for more details. Elections will be held at the AGM on 27<sup>th</sup> May. Further AGM details will be forwarded shortly.

**Memberships** Your WTU3A membership was due for renewal at the beginning of this month and it costs just £10 for the next year. This is excellent value for money as we have to pay Headquarters £3.50 and another £3.10 goes towards the magazine. As this is an important source of income for us it is vital that you complete the Gift Aid form if you are a tax payer and haven't already completed a form.

**Head Office news** There are plenty of online "learning events" which are open to U3A members coming up in the next few weeks. Full details can be found on our website or on the national site. The huge variety of subjects include Maths Problems and Puzzles, Wicked Plants, a Ukulele 'jam', Chair Yoga, History of the Volunteer Fire Brigade and a live cookery demonstration. Spaces are limited and need booking in advance.

**Thames Valley Network News** Thankfully the network keeps providing us with the opportunity to take part in their Zoom presentations. Coming up on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May** is "The sweetest thing - A history of sugar" whilst on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May** there is part 1 of the history of gardening with part 2 the following Friday.

**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.**

**Tenth Anniversary activities.** As you will know 2020 was the tenth anniversary of WT U3A but the pandemic meant that all celebrations were put on hold until this year. However with it being at least the middle of this year before we all get back together the committee has agreed that the scheduled events will be postponed until 2022. So watch out for the first of these – the Bake Off which will be on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022!

### **NEWS FROM THE GROUPS**

There has recently been a meeting of group leaders in order that those groups that have stopped during the pandemic can restart as soon as possible. Information from the meeting and a list of the current status of groups can be found on our website [www.wtu3a.org.uk](http://www.wtu3a.org.uk)

**Table tennis** The group restarts on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May** playing singles only. Just six members can be accommodated in any session so advance booking is required. Paul Fincken runs the group and he can be contacted on: [tabletennis@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:tabletennis@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Folk, Blues and beyond** The restart date is **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April** with a maximum of six members who will need to book in advance. All sessions are held in members' gardens. Again, it's Paul Fincken who runs it and his email is: [folk@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:folk@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Walking** As Norma Lyon has hung up her walking boots, a new leader is needed for this popular group. The leader doesn't have to organise every walk so it can be as much of a co-ordinating role than anything else. There seem to be several members who will actually lead a walk which will relieve the burden of finding new walks. Anyone interested can contact Norma on [walkers@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:walkers@wtu3a.org.uk) or Ken Shaw on [chairman@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:chairman@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Petanque** We came out of hibernation at the end of March and weekly sessions are at the Rugby Club although numbers have to be slightly limited. More details, including the protocols we need to follow are available from Ken Shaw on [petanque@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:petanque@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Trusted Tradespeople.** Following a mention about this in last month's newsletter, Rosemary Williams has received several enquiries asking about recommended tradespeople. However, we need to keep the lists updated, so if you can recommend anyone to go on the list please let Rosemary know on [trusted@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:trusted@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Australian scams** (which could be here soon) Last month we mentioned a few current scams but in Australia they seem to be more sophisticated. Try this one:

A lady has now changed her habit of how she lists her names on her mobile phone after her handbag was stolen. Her handbag, which contained her phone, credit card, wallet, etc., was stolen. Twenty minutes later when she called her hubby, from a pay phone telling him what had happened, hubby says, "I received your text asking about our Pin number and I replied a little while ago." When they rushed down to the bank, the bank staff told them all the money was already withdrawn. The thief had actually used the stolen phone to text "hubby" in the contact list and got hold of the pin number. Within 20 minutes he had withdrawn all the money from their bank account.

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