



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

August 2023

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Next meeting We are back to our usual general meeting time on **Thursday 24th August** with a 2.30pm start at the Rugby Club. Our speaker will be Paul Robbins who will talk on the life of Edward VIII. This is an enthralling presentation which explains Edward's early life, his strained relationship with his father, his often-disastrous personal life and asks whether he threatened the future of Britain's Royal family. Teas and coffees are back on the agenda (bring your own cups), and the paperback book, magazine and jigsaw swaps will also be available. The following meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 28th September**.

Chairman's Report Our meeting in July featured the Summer Lunch which proved to be very successful! Over 200 of you attended and I've heard from many of you saying how much you enjoyed it. An event like this needs a huge amount of organizing and our thanks need to go to Lynne Padgett who headed the team. In the background we had Ken Shaw together with a large group of ladies who both prepared and served all the accompanying sides to the pork and beef. Thanks also to Paul Fincken and his Folk, Blues & Beyond Group, to John Beer and the Bell Ringers, to our caterers Beef Olive and the staff of Aylesbury Rugby Club, who kept a very busy bar going all afternoon. I should mention that the afternoon was not without its problems, space and seating! You would hope that in late July there might be some sun around but whilst the afternoon was dry and reasonably warm it was certainly breezy, which meant many wanted to be inside. Early arrivers reserved seats and tables, and this was disappointing for those arriving at 1pm and a little after. The Committee will look closely at all these problems and in future ensure more seating and a better layout inside. Certainly we will have doors closed with a fixed entry time and arrange for better weather! One suggestion would be to limit the numbers to say, 150. This is not something I would favour, I believe the event should be there for everyone who wishes to attend. Finally, I'd like to thank you all for the wonderful support you gave to this event, the large numbers were a lovely problem to have! I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on **Thursday 24th August**

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Bank payments A message from our Treasurer Sarah Gunn If you are paying money directly into our bank account please put your name and what the payment is for in the reference part of the transfer, i.e. “Joe Bloggs, BMW trip”. This will save a lot of confusion and make my life a lot easier.

Deputies The committee is looking for volunteers to act as deputies for our officers if they become indisposed, so if you could help as deputy Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Webmaster, Membership Secretary, Newsletter Editor etc please let Chairman, Chris Bennett know. It won't involve you joining the committee (unless you desperately want to).

Teas With Lynn White's impending retirement as tea co-ordinator for our general meetings, we need someone to take on this important role. If you are prepared to have a go please contact Lynn at refreshments@wtu3a.org.uk or Chris Bennett at chairman@wtu3a.org.uk

Books etc. As you will know the book/jigsaw/magazine swap at our meetings is a popular part of the afternoon. As we get more of books we need help bringing and storing them so we need volunteers to help. One idea is to have three members – one to bring the books, one the jigsaws and another (who we may already have) take on the magazines. Let Chris Bennett know at chairman@wtu3a.org.uk if you could help.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Quiz afternoons This new group gets underway on **Friday 22nd September** from 2.30pm to 4.30pm at the Chapel Hall in Weston Turville. Individuals and couples are welcome so there is no need to get a complete team together. Questions will suit all levels of knowledge so everyone will be catered for. More details from Joy Mantell at quizzing@wtu3a.org.uk

Grub Club Although Annie Edwards was planning to have a break in August there was enough interest for her to make a booking for afternoon tea from 2pm on **Friday 18th August** at the Chiltern Forest Golf Club.

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Theatre Visits The next performance that Melanie Evans is running will be to the Pendley Theatre in Tring on **Thursday 28th September** at 8pm for Willy Russell's comedy Educating Rita. Tickets are £11. Back to the Waterside in Aylesbury and we have: **Wednesday 8th November** 2.30pm – Take That's Greatest Days. (tickets are £32.50) and **Thursday 23rd November** at 2.30pm - The Full Monty which costs £28. Contact Melanie at: theatre@wtu3a.org.uk if you are interested.

Rummikub The group is taking a short summer break and will be back on **Tuesday 19th September** at 2pm at the Five Bells in the village. Details from Deborah Brown on rummikub@wtu3a.org.uk

Science & Technology This is a busy time for the group and their last foray was into Aylesbury for a visit to see some old buses before a trip on a Routemaster. As numbers were limited it is hoped to have another visit later in the year. Let John Beer know if you are interested. The visit to BMW's factory in Oxford is now almost fully booked for **Thursday 7th September**. Tours are at various times during the afternoon and it costs £15. Car share is available from the Five Bells in WT. There are also a few places left for the visit to the National Computer Museum at Bletchley Park on **Thursday 5th October**. The cost is £23 for entrance and the guided tour starting at 2.00pm. Own transport will be needed to get there. There are just two seats left for the coach trip on **Tuesday 31st October** to the London Transport Museum in Acton where we get two guided tours during the day – the Poster Tour which looks at the many posters that have been used on LT over the last century, and the Depot Tour which looks at the main artefacts at the museum. More details on all these visits from John at: science@wtu3a.org.uk

Joint Coffee morning with AC u3a The next two joint coffee mornings are on **Thursdays 17th August** and **21st September**. They are at the Five Bells in Weston Turville from 10.30am. As usual, the contact is Marie Jones on 07733 412295.

Book Club 1 Jean Alexander has stepped down as group leader and Jackie Aggett has taken over the role. More details at: bookclub1@wtu3a.org.uk

Canasta The group is looking for new members, so whether you are a beginner or player come along to the Chandos Arms in WT on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 2.30 pm. You will be most welcome as we are a friendly group. More information from Carol Bean at: canasta@wtu3a.org.uk

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Walking Group Tuesday 12th September is the date for the next walk which starts and finishes at the Chiltern Forest Golf Club and will feature just over four mainly in Wendover Woods. Transport can be provided from the Chandos in Weston Turville at 10am. More information from Sylv Elliott at: walkers@wtu3a.org.uk Incidentally Sylv is helping to run the Rotary Charity Stride in support of the very deserving charity Dementia UK on **Sunday 10th September**. You are welcome to join either the 4 or 8 mile walks or with back marking on each walk. Let Sylv know if you can help.

Garden Visits There has been quite a lot of interest for this resurrected group and Heather Marshall will be at the next general meeting to get names of anyone else who may be keen on going on the mailing list. Hopefully there will be a visit within the next couple of months. More details from Heather at gardens@wtu3a.org.uk

Gardening Group The inaugural meeting for the group will be on **Monday 25th September** 2pm in the Chapel Room, Weston Turville. There will be a £2 charge to cover the hall hire. Thereafter the group will meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 2pm. More details are available from gardening@wtu3a.org.uk

Patchwork & Quilting The groups continues to meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month at Stoke Mandeville Community Centre with one group running from 10am to 12.00 and the other from 2pm. There are a few spaces so if you are interested please contact Maureen Reeves on: quilting@wtu3a.org.uk

Mahjong The group still has room for new members with or without experience in playing the game. Meeting on the first and third Thursday of each month from 2pm to 4pm in the Chapel Room in the village. There is a £2.50 per session charge and more information can be had from Ken Shaw on: mahjong@wtu3a.org.uk

Morris Dancing Those at the summer lunch will have heard Jacqueline King as a member of the handbell ringing group. She is also part of the Cracklewick Morris side which meets in Halton on Tuesday evenings from 8.15pm. The group needs new dancers and musicians – beginners or experienced. They are having a couple of open evenings on **Tuesdays 15th August and 5th September** in Halton Village Hall. More information from Squire Darryl on 07946 150380 or on cracklewickmorris@gmail.com

“Dry August and warm, doth harvest no harm” Thomas Tusser

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