



# Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

February 2022

Learn, laugh, live, learn, laugh, live, learn, laugh, live, learn, laugh, live, learn, laugh, live, learn, laugh, live, learn, laugh, live, learn.

**General meetings** There was a really good turn-out for the January meeting and those in attendance heard an interesting and nostalgic look back at the 1950. Our next meeting is on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February** when we will have a presentation by Roger Mason who speaks on a wide range of subjects and our one is entitled “Robert Maxwell – pushed or suicide?” The businessman committed fraud and robbed his companies’ pension funds. Shortly before the discovery of the frauds he fell from his yacht and drowned. Was this an accident, was it murder or was it suicide? The presentation gives an account of his life and frauds, and tries to answer these questions. It begins at 2.30pm at the Rugby Club. Refreshments will be available to those who bring their own cups and the paperback swop will be available.

**Chairman’s Report** At January’s General Meeting we had 112 attendees. We will soon be back to our pre-Covid numbers so thank you all for your support. Our speaker, Paul Robbins was excellent, his talk on 50s Britain both informative and amusing. I was delighted to see more new members so we plan to meet *all* new members for a coffee morning shortly. I’m pleased to announce that our subscription will remain at £10 for another year. Whilst I’m sure we are almost back to normal with Covid we are keen in a time of rising costs to celebrate our 10+2 years by leaving things as they are! Full details at the end of next month. We will return to normal in 2023.

Can I take this opportunity of directing you all to our excellent website. Barely a day goes by that Heather Macknight doesn’t add or tweak something to ensure the site is always up to date. If you need to check a date or a contact, that’s the place to go.

With our next General Meeting being at Aylesbury Rugby Club on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30pm. can I ask that you take a lateral flow test before attending and that if you feel unwell or have any doubts, please stay away. I look forward to seeing you all there.

**Assistant Treasurer** The committee wish to appoint an Assistant Treasurer to work with Mike Bennett our current treasurer. Mike will be starting the sixth and final year of his term as treasurer in April, the intention is for the assistant to work with him during the next financial year with a view to taking over as treasurer in April 2023.

The role is not demanding, ideally the assistant treasurer will be comfortable using Excel. If you would like to discuss it with Mike please call him on 07880 947761.

**Network News** The Thames Valley network is holding an online quiz on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March** at 2.30pm. Teams will be chosen at random. You need to book at least three days in advance. Their next online talk is on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March** and is called “How does Your Garden Grow”. Details on both events are on [www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk](http://www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk).

**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.**

**Local U3A news** Our colleagues in Aylesbury Vale U3A are happy to take any of our members who want to visit Crossness Pumping Station and Borough Market in London (£35) on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**, or Canterbury (£36) on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April** or Petworth NT and Guildford (£19 to NT members or £31 otherwise) on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May**. More information and bookings from Dan McGregor on [outings@avu3a.org.uk](mailto:outings@avu3a.org.uk)

### **NEWS FROM THE GROUPS**

**Theatre Visits** There are a number of theatre visits planned with the next ones being: **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March** at the Elgiva Theatre In Chesham – Kipps the Half a Sixpence Musical at 7.30pm Tickets £18.50. The following are at the Waterside in Aylesbury: **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April** 2.30pm Fatal Attraction (£28.50), **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May** 2.30pm – We Will Rock You (£32) and **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** at 2.30pm Some Mothers Do ‘Ave ‘em (£26) Details on all visits from Melanie Evans on [theatre@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:theatre@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Walking** There are a couple of places available on the group’s three night gentle walking trip to the South Downs on the weekend of **20-23 May**. There is a single room available although it could be changed to a twin room. More information from Sylv Elliott on: [walkers@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:walkers@wtu3a.org.uk) The next monthly walk is on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March** at 10.30am and this will be based at the Chiltern Forest Golf Club. It is 4 ½ miles long and goes along the Grand Union Canal and back through Wendover Woods. It could be a bit muddy in places.

**Mahjong** The group meets on the first and third Thursday afternoons of each month at the Chapel Room in the village. There is plenty of space for anyone else wanting to come along and experience is not necessary. More information from Ken Shaw or Joy Williamson on: [mahjong@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:mahjong@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Trips** we have provisionally reserved 50 VIP tickets for the Titanic Exhibition on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March**, entry timed at 3.30pm. The coach will pick up at 12.30pm and return by 7pm. The VIP tickets are a bit more pricey but the trade off is no queuing to get in, less people when we get in, free use of toilets (ordinary tickets charge a few quid a go to use facilities!). Photo session included.

If we can get 50 people it will be a total cost of £44 per person including the coach. There are eating establishments in the area but food is not included on this trip. If we only get 39 people the cost will be £46 per person. The full amount is required on booking please. It is non-refundable. If you can't go, efforts will be made to resell your ticket but no guarantee. You can pay in the normal ways:

Either: Bank transfer to WTU3a using your membership number and TIT as a reference number! Sort Code: 60-01-31 Account Number: 50853236

Please let Mandi know if you have done a bank transfer so you are put on the list.

Or: You can drop off a cheque to Mandi Simons at 6 Anstey Brook, Weston Turville, Bucks, HP22 5RT. If you do it in person please leave it in the post box by the front door as there is not one in the door! Cheques to Weston Turville U3A. Or: You can take a chance and hope there are spaces left and pay Mandi at the main meeting in February.

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