



# Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

July 2021

Learn, laugh, live, learn.

**Next meeting** The next meeting is on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** and will be our first one back together after the lockdown. This will be a social event and with so much going on it will be an earlier than usual start and the programme is:

**1.30** Start

**1.45** Chairman's address and notices.

**2.00** Picnic (bring your own). Teas and coffees are available and the bar will be open.

**2.45** Performance from the Folk, Blues and Beyond group.

**4.00** Close

Assuming good weather the event will be outside with tables and facilities also available inside. In the event of poor weather the event will be entirely indoors. More information in the Chairman's report

The books, magazines and jigsaw exchanges will not be held until the following meeting on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

**Chairman's report** Not too much from me this month other than to say we are slowly returning to a sort of normal! For me this week has been a u3a week. Monday afternoon Petanque, then yesterday a circular walk from Wilstone finishing with a fine sausage & onion baguette at The Half Moon pub, then a dash to Halton to play Touch Tennis. This morning we had a Committee Meeting where the plans for next week were finalized. Next Thursday we will take another step by holding our first proper rather than virtual monthly meeting. It's our Picnic Party at the Rugby Club together with live music, a chance hopefully to meet some who you may not have seen in months and to catch up with some of the interest groups.

I hope to see as many of you there as possible, but can I ask and remind you of a couple things. I know that we will, but can we be sensible, both as we arrive and sign in and also when we speak to any of the interest group leaders. Please don't crowd, please remember to leave space, it's important that everyone feels comfortable attending. **The other thing is a reminder to only bring water to drink!** The Rugby Club have agreed to run a bar for us and that needs to be staffed. It is only right that we should buy our beers and soft drinks from them. Fingers crossed that the weather holds, I look forward to seeing you all.

**Thames Valley Network** There is just one more Zoom meeting before a summer break and this is on Designing and Building a Garden which is at 3pm on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July**. It costs £1.50 per device and booking have to be in by the previous Sunday. Details and bookings on: [www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk](http://www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk) or you can link from our website.

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**Trip Information** The Tower of London visit on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September** still has some places left so if you haven't booked you should contact [trips@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:trips@wtu3a.org.uk) or speak with Mandi Simons or Jayne Lennard if interested and pay a £30 deposit.

## **NEWS FROM THE GROUPS**

**Church visits** The group is due to visit St Michael's in Stewkley on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August** at 2pm. Odette Harris will send details to everyone on her mailing list, and will be available to speak at the next general meeting. More details from Odette at [churches@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:churches@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Local History** With the usual venue being out of action at present, meetings will take place at the village hall in Weston Turville on the third Tuesday afternoon of each month starting at 2.30pm. The first meeting will be on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September** and details of the talks will be available soon. More details from Glynn White on [localhistory@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:localhistory@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Walking** Our last walk was a circular from The Half Moon in Wilstone via canals, reservoirs and cornfields. We had a few muddy patches and paths where nature had taken over. The weather was kind to us and 23 of the 25 walkers had lunch in the pub's garden in sunshine. The next walk is a circular from The Full Moon Cholesbury on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August**.

Is anyone interested in a 2 day walking holiday from **20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022**?

The link below has all the information about the week-end. Each day will have 3 levels of guided walks. On the website click on the trip notes which will give you distances and description of walks. Please read thoroughly all the information especially the terms and conditions. If we get a minimum of 10 people the price will be a little cheaper. They only have a limited number of single rooms if you don't like sharing. These are the only dates available for a group booking for this grade of walking so if you are interested please email me and when I have a minimum 10 people I can confirm the booking when a deposit of £75 is paid to WTU3A treasurer. The deposit is non refundable so travel insurance is important.

<https://www.hfholidays.co.uk/holidays-and-tours/gentle-walking-abingworth-3>

More information from Sylv Elliott on: [walkers@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:walkers@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Garden Visits** The first visit since lockdown is scheduled for **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August** to Pettifers at Wardington near Banbury which is owned by Gina Price who has transformed it into one of England's most influential gardens. The visit starts at 2pm and the cost is £10 per person. As cars will be used, the group will meet in the Five Bells car park and anyone who is happy to car share can contact Mary Duly. There is a limit of 30 people and the sign up list will open at the July general meeting. More information from Mary at [gardens@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:gardens@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Flower arranging** Our **FIRST** flower arranging meeting will be on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August** with a visit to the Sunflower fields at Farmer Paul's, Weedon Hill Farm, Aylesbury HP22 4DP from 3pm to 4pm. You can park in the field. Please arrive 5 to 10 minutes before visit. There will be no refreshments although ice creams may be available. There is no charge for the visit. You can buy sunflowers and I have lots of ideas to arrange them.

Hopefully meetings will resume at Buckland Village Hall on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September** and if the weather is good the meeting will be held outside. More details from Gaynor Edwards on: [flowers@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:flowers@wtu3a.org.uk)

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