



# Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

**March 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** We never really got to know how Robert Maxwell died and the presentation at the last meeting didn't completely answer the questions but led us to believe it probably was suicide. Certainly the 100 attendees were given something to think about. The next meeting is on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March** when Graham Harrison's Tales of the Elizabethan Underworld will give a light-hearted examination of some of the cons, swindles and thievery practised on unwary visitors in 16<sup>th</sup> Century London. The meeting starts at 2.30pm at the Rugby Club and as usual refreshments are available to those who bring their own cups. The paperback/magazine/CD swops will be available as usual. As always, please try and take a LFT before attending and if you feel unwell, please stay away.

The following meeting is on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April**.

Speaking of teas and coffees we still need more members to join the tea rota so please help Lyn White by offering to make teas on an occasional basis. If not, the queue will be very long! Experience is not necessary! Offers to Lyn at: [refreshments@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:refreshments@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Chairman's Report** I'd like to begin by welcoming all our new members who have joined in the last few months. We are not quite up to pre-Covid numbers yet, but each month we grow and our membership is now above 400. Those of you who joined in the last couple of months or so are invited to join us for coffee next Wednesday morning, (**23<sup>rd</sup> March**) at 10:30am at Dobbies Garden Centre on the Wendover Road.. We'd love to see you there to get to know you and to tell you more about WTU3a.

With so many new members it's possible you have a hidden talent, something you might be keen to share such as languages, an interest in birds or wildlife, playing the ukulele or you'd love to start the WTU3A Choir? If there's a new interest group you would be happy to start or one that you wished we had, please let me know, I'd love to hear from you.

Can I remind you that our year is almost at an end. You will shortly receive details about subscriptions for our new year, still at £10. Our AGM is on 26<sup>th</sup> May and we need new members for the Committee. If you are keen or interested in joining the Committee, please email me at: [chairman@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:chairman@wtu3a.org.uk)

*A Moscow man buys a newspaper, glances at the front page and throws it away. The next day he does the same thing, a quick glance at the front page and the paper goes straight in the bin. On the third day when it happens, the newsagent says, "Why do you do that". "Oh, I'm just checking for an obituary", says the man. "But the obituaries aren't even on the front page!" "Oh, the one I'm looking for will be!"*

I look forward to seeing you at our next monthly meeting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March - 2:30pm at Aylesbury Rugby Club.

Chris Bennett

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**Platinum Jubilee** We are looking to have a stall at the Weston Turville Picnic in the Park on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June but need some help to set it up and man it. Chris Bennett is co-ordinating it and would be delighted to hear from any volunteers on: [chairman@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:chairman@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Network News** The next Network Zoom meeting is on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April** at 10.30am and this will on 21<sup>st</sup> century telescopes. It costs £2 and entries need to be in by 1<sup>st</sup> April. Details on both events are on [www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk](http://www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk).

### **NEWS FROM THE GROUPS**

**Visiting Churches** Our first visit of the year will be to St John The Baptist, Aldbury, Nr Tring on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April**. The talk/tour will start at 2.30pm. If anyone is interested who is not on the e-mail list please contact Odette Harris at [Churches@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:Churches@wtu3a.org.uk).

**Grub Club** Unfortunately Annie Edwards is still out of action but John Watson ran the latest visit for a good lunch at Bradmoor Fram in Haddenham. The next outing is to the Firecrest in Wendover Dean at 12.30pm on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April**. Marie Jones is looking after this one and she can be contacted at: [temarjones@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:temarjones@yahoo.co.uk) If anyone wants to organise the next couple of events could they please contact Annie on [annedwards29@hotmail.com](mailto:annedwards29@hotmail.com) or on 07941 314586.

**Science & Technology** A number of events are planned for 2022; the first being on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April** with a visit to the Oxford Bus Museum at Long Hanborough. This houses a number of buses that operated locally and there is also the Morris Motors garage which included the Faulkner Cycle Collection. Lunch will be available as will, hopefully, a trip on one of their buses. On **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May** there is a visit to the GWR Museum in Swindon – postponed from 2020 because of Covid. The July visit is to Combe Mill which is the old workshops of the Blenheim Estate. More details from John Beer on [science@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:science@wtu3a.org.uk)

**Book Group 2** We meet on the second Wednesday afternoon of the month when we discuss the previous month's book. We decide at the end of the meeting what we are going to read, sometimes one of us will suggest another book in case we don't enjoy the book that has been chosen. The range of subjects varies from those based on real life to murder mystery. The only 'rule' we have is if you don't enjoy a book, don't read it. This month's book is Flowers in the Attic by Virginia Andrews. This is based on a true story about 4 children kept locked in an attic, hidden from view in their Grandparents' attic. Days turn into weeks then months. Will they ever be released? The next suggested book is The Seamstress of Warsaw by Rebecca Mascull. A story of war torn Poland. Occasionally we have a spare place within the group, please email Rosemary Williams for further details. [bookgroup2@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:bookgroup2@wtu3a.org.uk)

*As you can no doubt imagine we often say in despair  
What's the point of the way?  
Why. Oh why can't people live together peacefully  
Why all this destruction? Anne Frank 3 May 1944*

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