



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

May 2021

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Next General Meeting. The May meeting, which is also our AGM, is on **Thursday 27th May** at 2.15pm and features a talk on scam awareness by Pamela Hayton from Nat West Bank. She says 'part of my role is to raise awareness of and educate the wider community about fraud and scam prevention. The presentation explains how scammers identify and approach their targets, the social engineering techniques they use and of course how to keep yourself from falling victim to fraud or scams'. All information about the AGM has already been sent out to members. The following meeting is on **Thursday 24th June** and hopefully it will be the last one on Zoom before we return to the Rugby Club in July

Last General Meeting Many members were enthralled by speaker Sophie Matthews' talk and music at April's meeting.

Succession planning The committee is looking for someone who will be prepared to take on the role of Membership Secretary. Contact the current incumbent Carol Johnson at membership@wtu3a.org.uk for more details.

Head Office news For those interested in creative writing the U3A is holding its annual competition (closing date Friday 28th May) where entrants need to write a maximum of 1600 words on the subject of "The Unexpected". More details can be found on our website.

Thames Valley Network News More Zoom presentations are coming up shortly with a quiz on 28th May, and talks on British Prime Ministers (4th June) and Coventry Cathedral on 24th June. One particularly interesting speaker is Bjorn Watson who will talk about Burma and recent developments there. It is entitled "The Lady and the Generals" and is on Thursday 10th June at 10.30am. More information on: www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk

Trip News As we celebrate coming out of lockdown we're going to visit The Tower of London and see the Crown Jewels. We also get a Fish and Chip supper too. It will be on Friday 10th September with pick ups at 9.30am from the Chandos and WT shops and return about 8.30pm. There will be a Blue Badge-led trip round the Tower followed by a viewing of the Crown Jewels (after the crowds have gone) and then fish and chips at Kennedy's. We have been informed by the Tour organiser that because of the cobbles at the Tower of London people using sticks or a rollator will have difficulty walking around and suggest they use a wheelchair and have a friend with them to push. U3A have wheelchairs if anyone needs them. The cost of the trip is £56 and you can secure your place with a £30 deposit. Contact trips@wtu3a.org.uk or speak with Mandi Simons or Jayne Lennard if interested

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NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Extreme activities. The group restarts on Monday 24th May with the opportunity to try out a Zipp e-Scooter (those yellow things on the streets of Aylesbury). This is a free introduction and taster session and will be at the Rugby Club with sessions at 9.30, 10.15 and 11.00am. Although it is now full why not come and have a look? The velodrome event which was scheduled before Covid may well now happen within the next month or so. Other events are being planned so if you are not on the mailing list contact extreme@wtu3a.org.uk

Church visits Two visits are currently planned - firstly to All Saints Church in Wing on **Tuesday 13th July** at 2pm and then to St Michael's in Stewkley on **Tuesday 10th August** also at 2pm. Odette Harris will send details to everyone on her mailing list but if you want to be added contact her on: churches@wtu3a.org.uk

Touch Tennis The group has now restarted at Halton Tennis Club on Tuesday afternoons although numbers have to be limited. Contact Ken Shaw on touchtennis@wtu3a.org.uk if you are interested.

Walking The group has been suspended (hopefully just temporarily) until a new group leader can be found. Interested?? Then speak to Ken Shaw

Women's Golf Tuesday 1st June is International Women's Golf Day and ladies are invited to have a go between 4pm and 6pm that day at the Chesham and Ley Hill Golf Club. Equipment can be provided. Further details from: www.cheshamgolf.co.uk/women-in-golf/

Australian scams Last month we mentioned a scam doing the rounds in Australia so here is another one.

A lady went grocery-shopping at a supermarket and left her purse sitting in the children's seat of the trolley while she reached something off a shelf. Her wallet was stolen, and she reported it to the store personnel. After returning home, she received a phone call from the supermarket to say that they had her wallet and that although there was no money in it, it did still hold her personal papers. She immediately went to pick up her wallet, only to be told by the supermarket that they had not called her. By the time she returned home again, her house had been broken into and burgled. The thieves knew that by calling and saying they were from the supermarket they could lure her out of her house long enough for them to burgle it.

Dementia Action Week By the time you read this the week will be well under way. It is part of the Alzheimer's Society campaign to challenge the UK Government to cure the care system. *Right at Home Aylesbury Vale* is a leading local home care provider based in Aston Clinton which supports people needing help and care to remain living independently at home. Many of our local clients live with dementia, and we can continue to provide outstanding care for them that remains COVID safe. As a partner with the Alzheimer's Society, *Right at Home* is calling on everyone to sign the online (www.alzheimers.org.uk) petition to call on government to cure the Care System.

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