



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

November 2021

Learn, laugh, live, learn.

Next meeting Our next general meeting on **Thursday 25th November** from 2.30pm and will be a complete change of subject from recent months. Alan Copeland will be speaking to us on “Curiosities in the Cotswolds”. This talk is a gentle, laid back tour of the Cotswolds villages looking at the odd, unusual and bizarre aspects of village life in addition to admiring the beauty of the warm Cotswold stone cottages.

As this is the last meeting before Christmas we will be serving mince pies and mulled wine but you need to bring your own cup or mug. The magazine and paperback book swap will also be there and numerous group leaders will be on hand to publicise their activities.

Chairman’s Report It was good to see many of you at the Remembrance Day Service at the village War Memorial. The numbers at this gathering seem to grow each year, a wreath was laid on behalf of WTU3a.

I’m pleased to say we hit the 100 mark for our last general meeting. Actually just over a 100 attended and heard a thoroughly entertaining talk from Catherine Jones, a former army officer and now writer of romantic fiction.

Next week’s meeting is our last of the year and whilst I know it is a little early, we will be serving mince pies, stollen and mulled wine, as we head towards Christmas. I do hope as many of you as possible can make it. As always, please take care in these Covid times. Wear a mask if you wish and do not crowd at the end of the hall where the groups and books are. There are plenty of seats, please leave spaces wherever possible and do not attend if you feel unwell or know that you might have been in contact with Covid.

Christmas Lunch At the time of writing there are just four places left for our Christmas Lunch at Chiltern Forest Golf Club. Wendover on **Wednesday 8th December**. Let Carol Williams know if you would like to attend on: carolwilliams7170@gmail.com or phone 07917 177465. The price is £30 per head which includes gratuities and raffle.

Membership Cards These will be available at the November meeting.

Malcolm Crawford Members will be saddened to hear of the death of Malcolm Crawford who recently passed away after following complications from Covid. Malcolm was an enthusiastic member of WTU3A and was one of the leaders of the Petanque group as well as being a participant in the Mexican Train, Canasta and Wine Appreciation groups. He had a great sense of humour and always was always laughing and joking with all those he came into contact with. Malcolm will be hugely missed and our sympathies go to his family and friends.

Remember to check the website 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.

Network News The Thames Valley Network still have several online events before the end of the year and these include: **Monday 29th November**, 2.30pm – Mandela: the Man behind the Myth, **Friday 3rd December** 10.30am - Christmas Quiz and **Thursday 10th December** 10.30am - The Spirit of Christmas which is a talk about the traditions of the Festive Season and also a demonstration of wreath making. Registrations closes about three days beforehand and full details are on our website or on: www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Local History. By the time you read this we will have had the final group meeting of the year and it is also the last time that Glynn White runs the group as he is retiring after several years' sterling service for which we are extremely grateful. We need someone to take over the group and Glynn will be pleased to speak with anyone who would like to volunteer. If interested please contact him on localhistory@wtu3a.org.uk or speak with our Chairman Chris Bennett.

Theatre Visits There are several visits in the pipeline for early next year and these include: 'Burn the Floor' Kevin Clifton merging dance and theatre show. **Monday 31st January** at 7.30pm at the Waterside Theatre. Tickets for the stalls are £56. 'Matthew Bourne's Nutcracker' at Milton Keynes Theatre on **Thursday 17th February** at 2.30. £32 for a ticket in the stalls. Details on all visits from Melanie Evans on theatre@wtu3a.org.uk

Grub Club The Chiltern Forest Golf Club has been booked for **Monday 29th November**. As it will be at 12.00 you can either have lunch or afternoon tea. More details on the Grub Club from Annie Edwards at grubclub@wtu3a.co.uk

Science & Technology The latest visit to the Silverstone Experience attracted almost 30 members who were able to look at some fantastic exhibits and also watch some racing on the track. It was a great day out and thanks go to John Beer and Roger Everson for sorting it all out. There are no more visits planned over the winter but hopefully there will be a return to activity in the spring. Meanwhile John would be delighted to hear from anyone with suggestions for future talks or visits. Contact him on wtu3ascitech@gmail.com

New Groups We are looking to resurrect the Money Matters group which was very popular a few years ago and as its name implies it deals with various financial issues including Powers of Attorney, scams and financial planning. If you are interested in joining such a group please let Carol Johnson know on speaker.secretary@wtu3a.org.uk. She would also be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to help her run the group. Such has been the demand for places in the Wine Appreciation group that we are looking to have a second group. However it needs a couple of members to organise it so if you would like to have a go please let our Chairman Chris Bennett know on chairman@wtu3a.org.uk

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I'm on a plane and the lunch choices are white meat chicken or German sausage. Unfortunately as I am in the last row, I am hoping for the breast but preparing for the wurst. (Henning Wehn)

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