



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

October 2021

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Last meeting If there is a sudden rise in unexplained deaths in the area it might have something to do with our last meeting in which Kathryn Harkup explained how strychnine, phosphorous and arsenic were used by Agatha Christie in her wonderful crime novels. Several attendees were seen making notes of the talk, so watch out!

Next meeting The next general meeting on **Thursday 28th October** is entitled "From Guns and Roses to Hearts and Flowers" and is by Catherine Jones. She speaks about how she went from being an army officer and, by definition a trained killer, to being a writer of romantic fiction. She also became Chairman of the Romantic Novelists' Association in 2007. The presentation takes place at the Rugby Club from 2.30pm. Our book (paperbacks only) and magazine exchange is now up-and-running while refreshments are also available, but you must bring your own cup. The following meeting is on **Thursday 25th November**.

Chairman's Report As usual I must begin by saying how good it was to see so many of you at our September meeting. We had an excellent talk from Dr Kathryn Harkup about Agatha Christie's poisons in which she gave us lots of tips on how to bump off people! Of course, she also spoke about Agatha's favourite poisons and how Poirot always solved the murder. Last week together with Rosemary Williams and Jenny Hunt, I met five of our new members for coffee and cake. It was good to meet them all and we'll be repeating this morning meeting for new members early in the new year.

There are still a lot of Membership Cards waiting to be collected. If you haven't yet done so, please remember to go to the Membership table to collect yours.

At our last meeting I spoke about the continuing need to take care with Covid, especially at the monthly General Meeting. Please don't crowd the tables when you speak to group leaders or when you are looking at books to take away. Just now there are more chairs at the rugby club than people attending, please space yourselves whenever possible and, of course, please don't attend if you feel unwell.

I look forward to seeing you all at next week's General Meeting, on **Thursday 28th October**.

Christmas Lunch A reminder that places are filling up rapidly for our Christmas Lunch at Chiltern Forest Golf Club. Wendover on **Wednesday 8th December**. Please 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. Meal choices were shown in last month's newsletter.

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Diaries The 2022 U3A diaries have now arrived and they are available for collection at the October or November general meetings.

Autumn Gathering The U3A South East region are having an online gathering on **Wednesday 17th November** from 9.30am to 1pm when topics include resuming activities safely, different ideas for interest groups and revitalising your group. It is free to join but places need to be booked through www.u3asites.org.uk/southeast

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Local History. Don't forget that Local History group meetings are now on a Tuesday afternoon at Weston Turville Village Hall. There is just one left this year on **16th November** and this is a talk about the life of Cecilia Payne. She was an American astronomer and astrophysicist who was born in Wendover! More information from Glynn White on localhistory@wtu3a.org.uk

Grub Club The next get together is at 12.30pm on Friday 29th October at the Crows Nest on Tring Hill. At present there is an offer of two courses for £8.99 and there are 20 places available. More details on the Grub Club from Annie Edwards at grubclub@wtu3a.org.uk.

Science & Technology There has been a good take up for the visit to The Silverstone Museum on **Thursday 4th November** which starts at 11am. This is a self guided tour so we can break for lunch when we want and will probably look to finish about 3pm. The cost is £17.50 and there are still places available. Details from John Beer on wtu3ascitech@gmail.com or on science@wtu3a.org.uk

Trips (Tuesday 7th December) The cost for the trip to Faversham and Canterbury will be £51.00 and it includes a roast chicken or vegetarian lunch served with a hot drink, cost of coach and a Blue Badge tour guide throughout. Full Payment to be paid at October monthly meeting or to Mandi Simons. Payment of £51 is by BACS Nat West Sort Code 60-01-31 Account No. 50853236 Code KENT or cheque made payable to Weston Turville U3A. We will arrive in Faversham for 11.45am ready to enjoy an early lunch at midday. Lunch is served with tea or coffee at a mediaeval pub full of old beams and a massive inglenook fireplace. Choose and pay on the day for any drinks from the bar. If individuals are interested in having a dessert, it would need to be pre booked at least a week in advance. The dessert options for £4.95 are sticky toffee pudding with vanilla ice cream or lemon Eton mess cheesecake. Please also let us know any dietary requirements a week beforehand. After lunch we will explore the remarkable 475 listed buildings in the Conservation Area all within very short compass of the pub and the guide will pick out the highlights for you. On the way to Canterbury we tell the story of the mediaeval business of pilgrimage - the first tourists! On arrival you'll see the most picturesque and interesting parts of the city and there's time for a bit of shopping. You can head into Canterbury Cathedral from 5.10 ready for Choral Evensong at 5.30pm. There is a £2.50pp donation required here, so we will collect money beforehand and hand into Cathedral in one go on the day. After Evensong at 6.30pm we will head home.

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