



Weston Turville u3a Newsletter

July 2026

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General Meetings Last month we had a fascinating, albeit, rather short talk by Jeremy Holmes who told us about Andrew Carnegie and how he became the world's richest man at the start of the 20th century. There is no speaker this month as it's our Summer Lunch and the following month, which doubles up as our Annual General Meeting, now has a new speaker in Laura Kryke-Smith our local M.P. There will be no book/jigsaw swaps this month.

Chairman's Report – July 2026 I look forward to seeing many members at our

Summer Lunch on Thursday 23rd July.

If you still haven't booked but would like to come please email treasurer@wtu3a.org.uk as soon as possible. Tickets (members only) are only £5 each. If you are coming, please remember:

- Do not bring your own alcohol – the Rugby Club bar will be open. (Our usual tea/coffee service will not be operating.)
- Park carefully (and do not leave your car in the car park overnight).
- **Doors open at 1pm** (please don't come any earlier as you won't get in until then).
- Food will be served from 1.30pm.
- Remember to bring your ticket with you! (No ticket = no food.)

Food will be brisket of beef and pork plus salad. A vegetarian option will be available. Also, as an added bonus, the ice cream van will be in attendance. Finally – please do your best to ensure we have good weather!

August Monthly Meeting – 27th at 2.30pm

I am also looking forward to seeing you at this meeting, which as you will have probably read is different from usual. We will start with our usual **AGM**, which hopefully will be short!

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This will be followed by a **Question & Answer session** with our **Member of Parliament, Laura Kryke-Smith**.

I am very pleased Laura has agreed to come to this and I am sure it will be interesting to hear what she has to say on a range of subjects. The session will be relatively informal but we do **need in advance your questions to put to her**. Please let me have these a.s.a.p. by email.

Tea and coffee will be available after this session.

As already announced, the speaker originally booked for this meeting will come in September instead.

Simon Evers - Chairman

Annual General Meeting Don't forget the AGM forms part of the August General Meeting. Nomination forms for the committee will be sent very soon and nominations close on **Thursday 6th August**. After that, all AGM paperwork will be sent to members on **Thursday 13th August**.

WTu3a Open Day – Tuesday 22nd September This will be in the Village Hall and many groups will be represented. We very much hope you will be able to attend sometime in the afternoon – and bring with you anybody you know who is not a member but might be interested in becoming one. More details will follow.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Let's start with a possible new group.

David Aylmer is proposing to start a new group based on listening to blues music. His idea is to have a monthly session of around two hours to listen to CDs or Vinyl, Each month would have a different theme. David would offer to host first few sessions and then throw it open to the group.

Contact him as dwha1952@gmail.com if you are interested or would like more details.

Chess Our chess group meets twice a month (and frequently more often) on the second and fourth Fridays of the month for chess, refreshments and, especially, good company. Everybody is welcome, from complete beginners to Grand Masters. Come and join us at 12.30 pm on Fridays **24th July** as well as **14th and 28th August**. If you want to find out more, email Geoffrey Howell on chess@wtu3a.org.uk

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Discussion Group The group meets on the first Friday of each month in the Five Bells in Main Street, Weston Turville, so the next one is on **7th August**. Members bring along the topics they wish to discuss and recently we have talked about: What is your favourite television programme and why? Should colours replace white at Wimbledon? Is anyone surprised at the speed of parliament to allow pubs to open until 5am because of the football? When a couple have lived together for a long while, should they inherit each other's possessions? More details on the group from Terry Jones on discussion@wtu3a.org.uk or 07884 121657.

Theatre visits All these performances are at the Waterside in Aylesbury:
Thursday 3rd September (7.30pm) – The Choir of Man. £33 tickets
An evening of foot stomping entertainment based in a pub.
Wednesday 11th November (2.30pm) – The Mousetrap. £31.50 (circle)
A chance to solve theatre's most famous mystery on the 75th anniversary tour.
Sunday 22nd November (7.30pm) – Boyzlife. £43.77
A night of nostalgia with Boyzone's Keith Duffy and Westlife's Brian McFadden.
Tuesday 24th November (7.30pm) The Archers Live at 75. £43.77 (second circle)
More nostalgia celebrating the people and stories from 75 years in Ambridge.
Melanie Evans at theatre@wtu3a.org.uk will take your bookings and answer any questions.

Joint Coffee Morning with ACu3a These joint meetings start at 10.30am at the Five Bells with the next ones being on **Thursdays 16th July** and **20th August**. You are welcome to just turn up or ask Marie Jones on coffee@wtu3a.org.uk for more information.

Joint tennis group with ACu3a Marie Jones also organises this group who meet on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12.00 in Aston Clinton Park. Players can just turn up and there is no charge. Let Marie know on the above email address if you are interested.

Quiz Group The next afternoon quiz will be on **Friday 24th July** at 2.30pm in the Chapel Room. There will be no quiz in August. The quiz is great fun and enjoyed by all those taking part. You can come on your own or as a group for this enjoyable afternoon's entertainment. More details from Joy Mantell on quizzing@wtu3a.org.uk

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Writing Group At our next meeting on **Tuesday 4th August** at 2pm – the group will be writing about film adaptations of their favourite books – good or bad. If you need any more details of this exciting new group (and new members will be very welcome) contact Joy Mantell on writing@wtu3a.org.uk

Science and Technology After our first visit to the Elizabeth Line recently, two further dates have been arranged and these are **Thursdays 3rd September** (which may well be full by now) and **17th September** for which there may be a few spaces. More details from John Beer at: science@wtu3a.org.uk

Card making Some superb examples of what can be done by cardmakers were on display at the last general meeting. There is still room for new members of the group with meetings on the second Thursday of each month – 10am to 12.00 in the Chapel Hall – so if you are interested let Lindsey Beer know at: cardmaking@wtu3a.org.uk The next meeting is on **Thursday 13th August**.

Handbell ringing You don't need any musical knowledge as it's all done by numbers. The ringers meet every Friday morning at 10.00 at John Beer's house so if you fancy having a go contact John at: handbells@wtu3a.org.uk

Walking Group The last walk was based at Ashridge House and used four miles of woodlands in the area. The next foray is on **Tuesday 13th August** and if you are not on her mailing list, Sylv Elliott will give you more details. She can be contacted at walkers@wtu3a.org.uk

Scrapbook and Memory Book This relatively new group, which would still welcome any new members, meets on the second Monday of each month so the next one will be on **10th August**. Meetings are currently at Lindsey Beer's house but as the group increases in size it will move to the Chapel. Anyone interested should contact Lindsey at cardmaking@wtu3a.org

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Network News The Thames Valley u3a Network's programme of Zoom talks takes a break in August, so the following one will be on **"China"** (the country, not the porcelain) on **Wednesday 16th September at 10.30am**. The usual booking arrangements apply and details are on their website: www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk or you can link from our site.

"Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August."
– Jenny Han

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