



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

June 2023

Learn, laugh, live, learn, laugh, live, learn, laugh, live, learn, laugh, live, learn, laugh, live, learn, laugh, live, learn, laugh, live, learn, laugh, live, learn.

Next meeting Tom Way makes a welcome return to the Rugby Club for our general meeting on **Thursday 22nd June**. He has visited us several times before talking about wildlife photography and this time we can hear his new talk “Tooth, Claw and Mane” in which he will describe some of his recent assignments in photographing tigers in India, brown bears in Europe and cheetahs, lions and rhinos in Africa. As usual we have a 2.30pm start and the book swop will be available as will teas, coffees etc. but remember to bring your own cup.

Last meeting Following the AGM – well done to Chairman Chris Bennett for getting through it in under 15 minutes – we had a superb talk by Mervyn Edwards on his career as a police firearms officer. It was a wonderful combination of the serious side of the job as well as the humorous parts of it.

Chairman’s Report – May 2023. It’s brief from me this month!

First a reminder, and I’m sure you will read and hear about it elsewhere, but tickets for our Summer Lunch in July will be available at our June meeting. This is a hugely popular event with good food, live music and a licensed bar. Tickets are £5 per person and are available to members of WTU3a only. Of course, if you have a wife, husband or partner who is not a member, they will be able to attend as well.

Your 2023/24 subscription should have been paid by **31st May**! If you intend to renew (Summer Lunch – members only!!) can I ask that this is done in the next couple of weeks. If you have a query please contact Simon Evers our Membership Secretary at membership@wtu3a.org.uk

Teas As yet we still don’t have a co-ordinator to look after the teas at our general meetings. If you need more details on this vital cog in our wheel please contact Lynn White at: refreshments@wtu3a.org.uk . We also need three or four people per month to help serve the teas so any offers to help would be appreciated. A signing up list is available at the hatch at each general meeting.

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Annual General Meeting Once again, the AGM passed without any great issues and very few questions which shows the membership are happy with what the committee's efforts. There was a presentation to our retiring Treasurer, Mike Bennett in recognition of his six years' excellent service in balancing the books.

The committee for the next years are much the same as before –

Chairman: Chris Bennett

Secretary: Rosemary Williams

Treasurer: Sarah Gunn

Membership Secretary: Simon Evers

Webmaster: Heather Macknight

Speaker Secretary: Carol Johnson

Publicity Officer: Mike Wise

Groups Liaison: Ken Shaw

Local Liaison: Jenny Hunt

Committee: Diana Connolly, Sylv Elliott, Annie Edwards

Membership subscriptions These were due by the end of May and are now overdue. There are still quite a number of members who have not yet paid. If you are one of this number, please be aware that your name and details will be removed from the database at the end of June and thereafter you will not be able to attend any of our events or groups.

If you have any queries or wish to check whether you have paid or not, please email me - membership@wtu3a.org.uk - or phone me on 07859 221109. (Please note I am away from 21 June to 1 July, however) The subscription is £15 per person and our bank details are as follows:

Bank: NatWest Sort code: 60-01-31 Account number: 50853236

You can also pay by cheque which should be made payable to Weston Turville u3a and sent to me at 3 Watermill Way, Weston Turville HP22 5SR.

Simon Evers (Membership Secretary)

July meeting Our July meeting, on **Thursday 27th July**, will take the form of a summer lunch where there will be a variety of meats as well as various salad items plus a vegetarian option. The meeting starts at 1pm with food being served from 1.30pm. The Rugby Club bar will be open and during the afternoon there will be entertainment from our Folk, Blues and Beyond group. There is a charge of £5 per member (this is a members-only function) and tickets will again be on sale at the June general meeting. Cheques and cash are welcome. If you are not attending the June meeting but would like tickets, please send a cheque for £5 per member (made payable to Weston Turville u3a) to Simon Evers, the Membership Secretary, at 3 Watermill Way, Weston Turville, HP22 5SR. He will then send you the tickets.

“In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different.” John Steinbeck

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NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Trips The proposed trip to Cambridge with afternoon tea in Granchester Gardens has proved popular and we only have 6 seats left at this time. It is on **Monday 18th September** at a cost of not more than £50 each which includes coach (both ways) morning refreshments, blue badge guided tour of award winning mosque and butts of Cambridge and afternoon tea in the Gardens. A deposit of £25 secures your seat. Contact Mandi Simons at the next general meeting or on trips@wtu3a.org.uk In November (exact date to be finalised) there is a coach trip to Winchester to visit the famous Christmas Market. More details to follow or get in touch with Mandi for the latest news.

Patchwork & Quilting The groups meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month at Stoke Mandeville Community Centre with one group running from 10am to 12.00 and the other from 2pm. Both groups have a few spaces so if you are interested please contact Maureen Reeves on: quilting@wtu3a.org.uk Incidentally, Maureen has one of her quilts on display in the Open Art Exhibition at the Aylesbury Museum.

Science & Technology The visit to BMW's factory in Oxford is now booked for **Thursday 7th September**. Due to the numbers interested there will be tours at various times during the afternoon. It costs £15 and own transport is required. Also booked is a tour round the National Computer Museum at Bletchley Park on **Thursday 5th October**. The cost is £23 for entrance and the guided tour starting at 2.00pm. Own transport will be needed to get there. The much awaited trip to the London Transport Museum in Acton has been rearranged for **Tuesday 31st October**. The likely price for the coach and two tours of the museum is £40. Some members who planned to go on the previously postponed trip have still not confirmed they are going on this so please let John know if you can go this time. More details from John at: science@wtu3a.org.uk If you fancy an evening visit to Beckonscot Model Village on **Friday 30th June** from 6pm let John know. The Vale of Aylesbury Model Engineering Society is going and we have been invited. Although it is free donations will be welcome.

Chess The Chess group meets every other Friday lunchtime (next ones are on **23rd June** and **7th July**) at the Chandos in Weston Turville where you can play chess and enjoy some refreshment; apparently the fish and chips are excellent! No particular ability for the game is required. Contact Geoffrey Howell at chess@wtu3a.org.uk for more details.

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Joint Coffee morning with AC U3A The next coffee morning will be on **Thursday 20th July** at the Five Bells Weston Turville from 10.30am. As usual the contact is Marie Jones on 07733 412295.

Walking Group The next walk will be on **Tuesday 11th July** and Sylv Elliott will be contacting those on her mailing list with all the details. Anyone else wanting information should contact her on: walkers@wtu3a.org.uk

Walking Netball. We have been invited to a free taster session for walking netball which is at Aston Clinton Park between 11am and midday on **Monday 26th June**. If you are interested please email Lucy Prestedge suppowernetball@outlook.com to ensure your place and state that you are a WTU3a member. If there is sufficient interest this could become a new regular group for us.

Social Bridge Group The group meets every Monday afternoon from 2pm to 5pm in the Five Bells in the village. There are usually several tables playing. It is a very relaxed group and we don't score or take ourselves too seriously! New members are always welcome to come along. Contact Carol Johnson - socialbridge@wtu3a.org.uk.

Gardening Group There has been some interest in setting up a gardening group so if anyone else is interested could they please contact Jenny Hunt at: hunt935@btinternet.com so we can get a meeting together to discuss ideas.

Mahjong Meeting on the first and third Thursday of each month (2pm to 4pm in the Chapel Room) the group is happy to have new members along. There is a £2.50 per session charge and more information can be had from Ken Shaw on: mahjong@wtu3a.org.uk

News from local u3a branches Three events run by Aylesbury Vale u3a are open to our members and these are: **Thursday 22nd June** - Rock n' Roll party at Rivets Sports Club in Aylesbury. **Monday 7th August** – Coach trip to Avebury Stone Circle and Great Chalford Manor. **17th – 20th May 2024** Sixties Music Weekend on the Isle of Wight Details on these events on: www.avu3a.org.uk or link from our site.

Mr Pig came home to Mrs Pig with their little piglets.

"Did you have a nice day, dear?" she asked.

"Yes, but we couldn't stop anywhere for a picnic."

"Why not?"

"Everywhere I looked there were signs saying 'Please take your litter home!'."

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