



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

January 2022

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

Next meeting. Our next general meeting will be on **Thursday 27th January** at the Rugby Club when the highlight will be a presentation from Paul Robbins who is a television presenter, historian and author. His talk is called "You've Never Had it so Good" which is a wonderfully nostalgic look back at society, culture, news and music from the great golden decade that was the 1950's. For those that remember white £5 notes, trams, Muffin the Mule, rationing, smog and Ford Anglia cars this talk will bring back memories. For those that don't recall the 50s, the presentation will explain how the changes at that time still have a great impact on our lives today.

As usual, refreshments will be available to those who bring their own cups and the paperback/magazine swop will be available. The following general meeting will be on **Thursday 24th February**.

Chairman's Report Hello everyone, a Happy New Year to you all.

As I write, fears about Omicron appear to be receding a little and hopefully 2022 can be the year when at last we celebrate our 10th anniversary - only 2 years late! Our celebrations will begin in May with a "Bakeoff Challenge" with more to follow during the summer and into autumn. Please keep an eye on both our Website and Facebook page as well as the newsletter for details. Our next General Meeting is on Thursday 27th January at 2.30pm in the rugby club, and I look forward to seeing many of you there. The committee have talked long and hard about holding meetings and what Covid restrictions there might be. We do feel that our monthly meetings should continue. In both October and November there were more than a 100 members attending which shows that despite everything many still look on the monthly meeting as an opportunity to get out, meet others and just try and be normal. Having said that I think it's important that we ask you to continue to be careful, please take a Lateral Flow Test before attending. You may wish to wear a mask whilst moving around the room and especially where it is crowded especially in the area where the books and the group leaders are. The room will be kept ventilated, windows open, doors also open from time to time so you may need an extra layer! Please don't attend if you feel unwell or if you think you have been in contact with Covid. If you have any doubts, please stay away. And finally, don't forget your cup of mug! Chris Bennett

Network News The Thames Valley network is still holding various online study events including: **Thursday 26th January** 10.30am – The Life and Music of Barbra Streisland and **Wednesday 2nd February** 2.30pm – T.E. Lawrence, the Man behind the Myth. Further information about these and other upcoming events are on: www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk or you can link from our website.

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.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Bridge The Friday Bridge Group now has Brenda Spruce running it with help from Glynn White and they have taken over from David Coleman who retired in September after 11 years magnificent service. The group meets in St Ann's Hall in Wendover from 1.30 to 4pm each Friday. This is a social, mixed ability group who play duplicate bridge and further information can be had from Brenda at: brendaspruce16@aol.com

Theatre Visits There are a number of theatre visits planned with the next ones being: **Thursday 10th March** at the Elgiva Theatre In Chesham – Kipps the Half a Sixpence Musical at 7.30pm Tickets £18.50. The following are at the Waterside in Aylesbury: **Thursday 7th April** 2.30pm Fatal Attraction (£28.50), **Wednesday 4th May** 2.30pm – We Will Rock You (£32) and **Wednesday 22nd June** at 2.30pm Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'em (£26) Details on all visits from Melanie Evans on theatre@wtu3a.org.uk

Canasta The Canasta group is looking for new members, so why not come and join us in The Chandos Arms on first and third Wednesdays of the month at 2.30pm. It would be lovely to have Canasta players and also beginners so this is a chance to learn something new for 2022. Please contact Carol Bean on: canasta@wtu3a.org.uk

Wine Group We mentioned recently that due to the high demand to taste wine, we are looking to form a second group depending on the numbers who would want to join. If you are interested please let Chris Bennett know on: Chairman@wtu3a.org.uk It seems we have a volunteer to help with the running of the group but still need another leader.

Walking Some 24 intrepid walkers braved the weather to take part in the January walk which was based in Wiggington. Thankfully a good lunch at the Greyhound helped us to get dry and warm. **Tuesday 8th February** is the date of the next walk and this will start (at 10.30am) and finish (four miles later) in the Coombe Hill car park. The route will be mainly in woods, so it may be a bit muddy. The optional lunch afterwards will be at the Chandos in Weston Turville. More information from Sylv Elliott on: walkers@wtu3a.org.uk

Now for something different (and not necessarily connected to WTU3A) The British Museum and Camden Adult Learning are running a set of free 90 minute history webinars (on Zoom) The courses are free. They do not require travel to the Museum and the talks cover different aspect of British, world and museum history. No prior knowledge is needed and there is a chance to ask questions at the end of each talk. The next ones are: **Monday 24 January** British cities at the British Museum: objects and Britain's urban past **Monday 31 January** Archaeology stories from the soil: what museum objects can tell us about their buried life **Monday 7 February** Love is in the air: museum objects which express affection for people and places. All are from 11.00 to 12.30 Enrolment is at: <https://www.webenrol.com/camden/Default.asp?page=list&catID=5&>

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