



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

July 2017

NEWS FROM THE CHAIRMAN: After the success of the June social afternoon and Hog Roast, where we received very favourable comments both during and after the event, we are giving you fair warning that our November meeting will be a social afternoon, with the 'bring and buy' and the chance to view some of the 'results' of various groups activities from the past year. There will be no speaker for that meeting but it will give you the chance to chat, catch up, spend some money at the 'bring and buy' (in aid of Children in Need) and admire our efforts! Anyone having goods or produce for the 'bring and buy' are asked to contact Mandi nearer the date who will be coordinating it.

With this newsletter you will get an additional attachment given details of the various groups and contacts and the roles and responsibilities of the WTU3A committee. This information replaces the yellow book and further information about the groups can be found on our website or by speaking to the group leaders. Please save it, print it, post it on the fridge door with those funny magnets as it will not be redistributed to members for another year or unless it changes!

Some of you may know that the Data Protection laws are changing this year and we have to comply with this legislation. As such I am reminding everyone that if you have details of another U3A member which you were given as a result of some U3A activity, i.e. not a personal friend; then you must take precautions in how you use this information. You cannot use the contact details for any other purpose than U3A activity, unless they have given permission for you to do so and if you send an email to more than one person you should hide the email addresses from everyone by putting them in the BCC (blind carbon copy) address box. This way personal details like email addresses cannot be seen and possibly misused by others who may forward the email on. If you don't know how to find the BCC address box please speak to Mike Bean or Mandi Simons. Thank You. Pat Housego.

Our speaker for Thursday 27th July is Hugh Granger who will be giving his talk "I'm not really old, it's those tablets". As usual 2.30 start and please don't arrive before 2pm or you will be required to move tables and chairs around! Please remember to bring any DVD's, CD's, books or jigsaw puzzles you have read, heard, seen or done to the meetings so someone else may enjoy them.

155 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS! – WTU3A 2017 Christmas Lunch – Friday 15th December - **Pendley Manor Hotel**. Reservations for this will **OPEN** at the August Monthly Meeting (Mary Duly will be taking the reservations) and **CLOSE** at the October Monthly Meeting. Tickets are £28 (Inc raffle) per person. No reservations will be taken early. Menu will be published at August Meeting. How you may reserve: Individually, as a couple, or a small group - if you indicate who you wish to sit with - we will do our best to comply. **Full payment by cheque** required upon reservation. A group of 10 may reserve a table with one person responsible for the reservation and **full cost** of the table made upon reservation. Mary Duly

SCIENCE AND TECH GROUP: Our next adventure is due to take place on the 3rd August at ATG Training and is as advertised, a full day workshop. Cost will be £20 for the day. There are 4 different courses each of which will take the whole day: *Cad basics 2D and 3D: Working with home microcomputers targeted at Home automation: Basic Cycle Repairs: Metalworking Basics*. Each course will last the day from 9-30 to 4-0. I am assured that anyone without previous knowledge can take part. Course summaries are available, by email or at the general meet. Spaces are limited but all are available and is now open to anyone. Let me know by the July General meeting. On the 7th September Angela Hunt-Cooke is to host a talk on 'Advances in laboratory diagnosis of tropic diseases', at the Chapel hall, of which she has great experience and teaches on this subject. For the 5th of October we are planning a trip to Bletchley Park. Further details to follow. John Beer.

CARD MAKING: The new card making group has met twice and we hope to show you some of our creations at the November meeting. If you are interested in learning different techniques for making your own greeting cards and wish to join us; please contact Sue Monro at cardmaking@wtu3a.org.uk

GARDEN GROUP: Our last garden visit for this year is to Lamport Hall, Lamport, Northamptonshire on Tuesday August 15th by coach. The coach will LEAVE Main Street, Weston Turville bus stop opposite the shops at 11.45am. Please arrive at least 10 minutes before the coach is to depart. We will leave Lamport Hall at approx. 4.45pm. Gaynor Edwards

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.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS: Having experienced a tour of Poldark's TV home, seen the Circle of stones and heard about the Arts and Crafts movement on our last excursion: the next visit will hopefully be to a NT. House and garden and a well-known artists home. Details will be on the email sent to everyone on the Historic buildings list in the first instance. Please contact the group leaders if you wish to be included on the list. Ceinwyne Jones

VISITING CHURCHES GROUP: Our next visit will be in the afternoon of Tuesday 8th August to Saint Mary's, Northchurch (near Berkhamsted). Please confirm your name on our list of members at our table at the July monthly meeting if you intend to come along, or if you would like to enquire about joining our group. All welcome.

CHESS GROUP: The new chess group has merged with Wendover U3A chess group and meetings will be held alternatively in Wendover and at the Chapel, WT. If you want to join them please contact Geoffrey Howell at chess@wtu3a.org.uk or see him at the monthly meeting.

EXTREME VISITS:

Trip Report Aquatic Hovercraft; 18th July – Highcross Hovercraft.



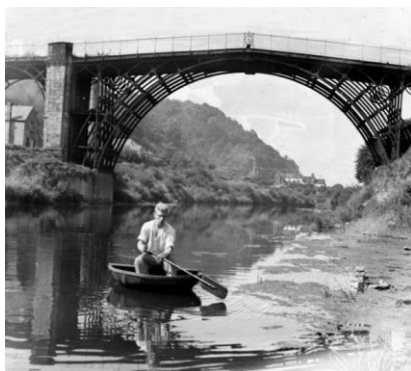
A return visit to Highcross Hovercraft, only dampened by the fact that we weren't allowed out over water. We are now contemplating a return visit for confident pilots provided the water element is included.

Four groups buzzed around the fields under varying degrees of control, with only one participant proving that Newton's First Law of Motion is alive and well!

A great lunch at The Railway Inn, coping admirably with last minute changes and time pressures. Photos will appear on the WT U3A Facebook

page shortly.

Extreme Coracle Regatta; 28/29 August – Ironbridge.



Now a large residential event involving 44 Weston Turville Extremers and Bath Active Adventurers also encompassing Extreme and Politically Incorrect Wine Tasting and Petanque.

We are officially listed for an hour of the programme of the The Ironbridge Coracle Trust Regatta on August 28th (a minute of instruction is included). The price is £20, £10 to the Trust plus £10 to a Cancer charity. The BBC will be in attendance so don't forget to smile as you go out for a spin!

Expect more Logistics messages over the next couple of weeks, but if you have child or dog minding responsibilities (it's the August Bank Holiday Monday) you can always bring them along.

Extremely Batty Walk; 8th September - Weston Turville Reservoir

This event is being hosted by a volunteer from the Bat Conservation Trust who will benefit from all donations made by participants. All places for the walk filled up within hours of being announced. Let us know if you would like to join the waitlist or willing to volunteer to organise a prequel walk in August.



For an Extreme experience or to add to our photo album, contact the Extreme Team at extreme@WTU3A.org.uk Tel 0777 150 6055

WHEELCHAIR: Mentioning this here after the extreme visits is coincidental and not in any way connected or associated with extreme visit activities! However just a reminder that the WTU3A has a lightweight foldable wheelchair for use by members at any time. If you wish to borrow it please contact Mary Duly.

PHOTOS: A selection of photos from different activities is available for members to view on our Facebook page. If you are a current WTU3A member and have a Facebook account, you can request to join the group and view or upload photos or information you think may be of interest to this U3A.

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