



# Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

August 2017

**NEWS FROM THE CHAIRMAN:** After receipt of information concerning various omissions and errors in the U3A Committee and Group Information sheet that was sent out last month we are trying again and the correct information sheet will be sent out with this newsletter. Hopefully this one will be correct and should be kept for reference until reprinted! On the subject of committee members: we are still in need of committee members who are prepared to take on responsibilities in the future. We have a constitution that restricts the amount of time anyone can serve on the committee which allows us to introduce new ideas and prevents this U3A from getting archaic in its practises. Whilst the current three male members of the committee are all called Michael it is not a pre-requisite for enrolment and people with other names are also encouraged to make contact with me to discuss possible roles.

I also have to announce that Mary Duly is standing down as our membership secretary and Carol Johnson is taking over the role. Mary has been covering the role for a few years now and has made several improvements to our admission procedures which have proved very beneficial for new members and group leaders. She has overseen the introduction of bank transfers for membership renewals, which baring a few minor hiccups, went smoothly and has produced new membership application forms to keep us 'legal' with data protection law changes. Mary is not disappearing from the organisational side of the U3A and I am pleased to say that she will continue to plan and arrange the Christmas lunch and be responsible for the wheelchair. May I publically thank Mary for the enthusiasm, ideas and effort she has contributed to this U3A over a number of years both on and off the committee and I hope she can take full advantage of her new found free time! Thank you Mary. Pat Housego.

**MONTHLY MEETING:** Our speaker for **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July** is Robert Breakwell. He is the Chief Executive of the Chilterns MS Centre and will be telling us about this local charity and their work. 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.

**U3A DIARIES:** If you wish to order the new U3A diary for 2018 please see Rosemary Williams at the monthly meeting with your £2.50. No orders will be accepted after the September meeting.

**COFFEE MORNING FOR NEW MEMBERS:** The next coffee morning for new members is on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 10am. Meet Rosemary Williams at Costa Coffee, Worlds End Garden Centre for coffee and a chat. This is open to all new members who have joined in the last 6 months.

**A TRADITIONAL AFTERNOON TEA:** Our annual afternoon tea trip has been booked for Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September and we will be going to Bradmoor Farm Shop & Café, Stanbridge Road, Haddenham, HP17 8JX where we will be having a traditional afternoon tea with sandwiches without crusts on, French fancy cakes, pots of tea and of course a cream tea. For those who do not know this hidden gem of a café and farm shop, you are in for a delightful surprise. The cost will be £10 each (TBC) and you make your own way there for a 3pm start. If you need a lift there please inform us at time of booking/payment. Full payment required at booking. For those who thought we were going to Waterperry Gardens, sorry this has been postponed until next year! Pat Housego

**WTU3A 2017 CHRISTMAS LUNCH** –Pendley Manor Hotel, Tring, (Harcourt Ballroom). Friday 15th December 2017 – time 1300 – 1600. Cost per person £28.00 (includes raffle). Everyone to arrange own transport. There is good disabled access. Menu – set 3 course meal. Dietary requirements can within reason be catered for. Seating – will be 10 people (maximum) per table. Reservations:

- You may reserve a place individually, as a couple or a small group – if you indicate who you would prefer to sit with – we will do our best to comply. Full payment by cheque is required upon reservation. Please note cancellation may be accepted up to October Monthly Meeting, after that you are responsible for selling your place – there will be no refund.
- A group of 10 may reserve a table (please complete attached form) with one person responsible for the reservation and full cost of the table made upon reservation.

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- Please note reservations cannot be made after October Monthly Meeting.

Remember to check you diaries before making your reservation.

**MENU:** *Starter;* Smoked Salmon Gribiche & pickled cucumber. *Main;* 12 Hour Braised Lamb Shoulder garlic & thyme sauce, roast potatoes, carrots, brussel sprouts. *Dessert;* Sweet Dark Chocolate roll black cherry cream, Tea or coffee with mini mince pies. *Vegetarian Options are:* - *Starter* - Plum Tomato, Avocado, Red Onion & Mozzarella Pear Salad. *Main* - Wild Mushroom, Spring Onion Blush Tomatoa Pappardell, rocket & Parmesan Salad.

To make reservation(s) contact: Mary Duly, xmaslunch@wtu3a.org.uk 01296 623060 cheque with reservation made payable to "Weston Turville U3A Travel"

**SCIENCE AND TECH GROUP:** Our next meeting is at the Chapel Hall 2-30pm on 7th September not the 5th as in the last email. Angela Hunt-Cooke is going to give us an insight into the teaching she gives to Doctors going abroad in respect of the 'Advances in laboratory diagnosis of tropic diseases'. The next get together on the 5th October will be a trip To Bletchley Park and the Museum of Computing. These are separate organisations and the proposal is that we would visit the Computing Museum in the morning and Bletchley Park in the afternoon. Bletchley Park has a good canteen. Details and costs will follow. We have some proposals for the remainder of the year but nothing is firm as yet. John Beer

**GARDEN GROUP:** The garden group has now finished for 2017. We have visited seven gardens from February to August. Look out for our first garden visit in February 2018 which will be announced shortly. For those of you who have a Gardeners World magazine offer 2 for 1 ticket entry. You may visit Waterperry Gardens on their Apple weekend with this offer. There is more information in the Card and Guide 2017. Gaynor Edwards

**VISITING CHURCHES GROUP:** Our next visit will be in the afternoon of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September to Holy Trinity, Bledlow. Please confirm your name on our list of members at our table at the August monthly meeting if you intend to come along, or if you would like to enquire about joining our group. All welcome. John Richardson

**LOCAL HISTORY:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017 Roy Smart is coming along to give us a talk on Amy Johnson. Aviatrix, **Amy 'Johnnie' Johnson**, 'The Aeroplane Girl' who, from modest beginnings as a fishmonger's daughter from Hull, by singular grit and determination, taught herself the basics of aviation and then with little experience and against all the odds - after an extraordinary pioneering feat of solo flying half way round the world in a fragile little biplane - emerged to a crescendo of fame, celebrity and heroine worship. Meeting is in the WT Chapel Room from 10:30 – 12:30pm. Entrance of £3.

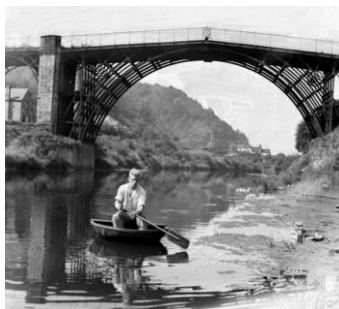
**EXTREME VISITS: Extremely Batty Walk; 20:15 25<sup>th</sup> August - Weston Turville Reservoir**

**Note. The planned walk on 8<sup>th</sup> Sept will not take place**



This event is being hosted by a volunteer from the Bat Conservation Trust who will

benefit from all donations made by participants. Let us know if you would like to join the waitlist. Watch your email carefully, this event will not take place in heavy or persistent rain.



**Extreme Coracle Regatta; 28/29 August – Ironbridge.**

Now a large residential event involving 44 Weston Turville Extremers, Bath Active Adventurers and more spectators than originally envisaged.

An expanded syllabus of learning opportunities has been made possible by collaboration with: -

- Kibworth & District U3A "Extreme and Politically Incorrect Wine Tasting"
- Newport, Shropshire U3A – "Mini-Petanque"

The Coracle Regatta is weather dependant (watch out for too much rain over Wales) but the rest of the agenda will take place regardless of the weather.

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

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