



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

February 2016

IMPRTANT NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE! AGM and Committee for 2016/2017

AGM

Our constitution says that each year the existing committee have to stand down and a new committee elected at the AGM. Committee members can however stand for re-election. This year two of the officers (chairman and secretary) will not be standing for election. However two of the members of the current committee have offered to stand to be elected for these positions. The current vice-chairman and treasurer have said they are willing to stand for another year. Therefore we have vacancies for four (4) new committee members for the coming year. If you think that you or some-one you know would make an ideal committee member, nomination forms can be obtained from Glynn White (secretary) at the February or March monthly meetings or contacting him by email or phone. A nominee must be proposed and seconded by 2 people who are not current committee members. Nomination forms have to be received by the WT U3A Secretary by 14th April 2016. If you wish to know more about the role of the committee please speak to anyone who is on the current committee or has been in the past.

LIFTS TO MONTHLY MEETINGS: Do you have a problem getting to the monthly meetings that are held in the Aylesbury Rugby Club? If yes please contact Mary Duly (Membership Secretary) via email (membership@wtu3a.org.uk) and she will endeavour to find someone to give you a lift.

SPEAKER: Our next meeting is on Thursday 25th when we have a talk from Dogs for the Disabled. (Note from Editor: I believe there is a human attending as well as the dogs!)

As ever please don't arrive before 2pm unless you want to help set it all up!

2016/17 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION (£15 PER PERSON): We will start accepting subscriptions at the March meeting and then again at the April meeting, please make cheques payable to "Weston Turville U3A". For those of you unable to attend the monthly meetings please send your cheques to: **Mary Duly, 1 Bridle Manor, Halton, HP22 5PQ**, if you could please enclose a stamped addressed envelope, this would be appreciated. Please also use this opportunity to inform us of any change in contact details, i.e.: telephone numbers or email addresses, so we can ensure that our database is up to date. If you are not renewing please also let Mary know.

TRIPS: The day trip to Brighton has been booked for Friday 4th June with a guided tour around Brighton Pavilion. We cannot do the sewer tours because they are all evening or Saturday morning tours. The cost will be in the region of £25 per person for the coach and Pavilion, or if you want to spend the day on the beach or exploring the Lanes then the coach alone is £13. We were intending to stop for an optional fish and chip supper (not included in price) before heading home to arrive about 6-7pm. Full details to be confirmed. I will be opening up the list at the main meeting next week and require a £15 deposit per person.

I have also booked a 'Kill or Cure' trip to London for Friday 21st October. It is a guided tour covering barber surgeons, body snatchers, cholera and cosmetic surgeons. Something for everyone! The tour is mainly inside or in the coach and includes morning coffee, lunch and a visit to the Wellcome Collection before heading home. Anticipated cost is £35 each. The list is NOT open yet but make a note in your diary so you don't book the day and miss this! Mandi Simons

THEATRE: Last chance to obtain tickets for "Tell me on a Sunday" The Broadway and West End hit, starring Jodie Prenger. Thursday 31st March at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £24.50 in circle one.

Back by popular demand - Chicago. Thursday 14th July at 2.30. Tickets £25.00 in circle one.

For further information contact Rosemary Williams at the main meeting or email: theatre@wtu3a

GARDEN VISITS: On Tuesday March 22nd our garden visit is to a NGS garden, Wind In the Willows, Moorhouse Farm Lane, Off Lower Road, Denham, UB9 5EN. A 3 acre informal woodland and wild garden separated by streams lined by iris and primulas. Wind in the Willows featured as a case study in the water garden section of Carol Klein's new book 'Making a Garden.' Meet at the Five Bells car park 12.50pm. Arrive 2pm. Drivers needed please. Total cost £5.00 includes tea and biscuits. Cheques required at the Main meeting. On Thursday 14th April our garden visit is to Kingsbridge, Steeple Claydon, MK18 2EJ. This is a new garden opening for the NGS. A stunning 6 acre garden! Total cost of garden visit £8.50p to include tea, scones and cake. A few spaces left. Meet at the Five Bells car park to leave at 1pm. Arrive for garden visit 2pm. Drivers needed.

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. Please send photos of your events and activities to photos@wtu3a.org.uk including what the subjects are, when taken and who took them.

On Thursday May 12th our garden visit is to Cottesbrooke Hall, Northamptonshire NN6 8PF. Cost £21.50p includes coach, garden entry and garden tour by the Head Gardener. Leave Weston Turville Main Street bus stop at 12 noon, arrive at Cottesbrooke Hall at 1.45pm. Cottesbrooke Hall is a Queen Anne House dating back from 1702, with award winning gardens. To visit the Hall you can purchase a ticket on the day of visit at £4.00 extra. House tour led by expert guides takes 45 minutes. There is time allowed for you to purchase your tickets before the garden tour. Our garden tour starts at 2.15pm. Homemade cakes, tea extra, between 2.30pm - 5pm. Our visit on Thursday June 9th is combined with Historic Houses to Leeds Castle. Please sign up this month. Coach and Visit to Leeds Castle £28.50p. Garden Tour: please book if required. £3.00p. This is an all day visit. Gaynor Edwards

HISTORIC BUILDINGS: On March 23rd we visit Basildon Park and gardens. Coach departs from Chandos Arms at 10am and 10.05am at the shops. There are a few seats left and payment is due now. Details of our April visit will be available at February meeting. On 18th July we visit Audley End. I am not taking names until the April meeting. The tour of Frogmore House and Saville Gardens on August 16th is restricted to the historic buildings group only. Ceinwyne Jones

TRUSTED TRADESMEN: The Recommended Tradesman list is working well. However there are some gaps. If anyone knows of a good TV expert – someone who can set up a new television or sort out the problems on an existing one several folk would be very grateful! Also I keep getting request for trustworthy gardeners so if you have a ‘treasure’ and are happy to pass on the details please contact me. It is so important for us Third Agers to find tradespeople who are reliable – most of those we used to depend on are like us, RETIRED!

EXTREME VISTS:

Extreme Zymology; 11th March – Hook Norton

Tour of Hook Norton Brewery, steam engine, stables and Beer Tasting. Coach leaving Weston Turville at 08:30, returning about 16:00. This event is £29 (for tour and coach), lunch available in Brewery or at Pear Tree Pub. Contact Trevor or Adrian extreme@WTU3A.org.uk
Tel 0777 150 6055



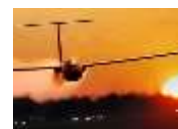
Extreme BloKarting 2016; 7th, 8th & 29th April – Uphill Beach, Weston Super Mare.

The itinerary now includes a special tour of the Helicopter Museum on morning of 8th April where they are opening up their simulators for us too. 35 out of a maximum of 48 places taken. The BloKarting experience is £40. The logistics for this activity are complicated; as a coach isn't a practical proposition, let us know ASAP if you are interested so we can start planning any car-pooling required. Contact Trevor or Adrian extreme@WTU3A.org.uk Tel 0777 150 6055



Extreme Gliding; 9th & 10th June 2016 – London Gliding Club, Dunstable.

Another remarkable response! We've had to open up a second evening of winch launches so it's nearly full again! 54 out of a potential 60 places already taken. £27.50 for the experience. Restrictions apply. Contact Trevor or Adrian Tel 0777 150 6055 extreme@WTU3A.org.uk



Extreme Lofting 2016; 15th July – RPR A One Loft, Rye Street, Birtsmorton.

On a picturesque site, set in the Lee of the Malvern's is the Southern Royal Pigeon Racing Association Loft (Like a boarding school for pigeons). They will provide refreshment, an introduction to One Loft Racing, then we will draw lots to select our pigeons for a 5 mile race!

After the prize ceremony, we will retire to the Duke of York (Berrow) for lunch and whippet discussions. Coach and Pigeon racing experience £30. Contact Trevor or Adrian extreme@WTU3A.org.uk
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Zipwire; 5th September – Zipwire World Velocity – Penrhyn Quarry, Bethesda, Wales.

This is nuts. It's an awkward distance from Bucks. So we are not arranging transport and you'll need to book your own accommodation; It's expensive with no senior discount!; It's weather dependant; It'll be over before you know it. But 50 of us are already committed to the trip. At 60 participants we get a £6 discount, so you may be letting the side down by staying at home. Let's face it, there'll be no-one to talk to in Weston Turville that day anyway. As a bonus activity, we are attempting to organise Sunday lunch at the World's 3rd best Beach Bar, Ty Coch. Yes, even that's difficult to get to! Note. This doesn't make a sensible day trip from Weston Turville. But some people are doing it anyway; let us know if this is your preferred option so we can attempt to arrange car sharing. Note. We have been asked if you can bring friends and family to share the driving and the experience – sure! Message from U3A UK “Our insurance will not cover this sort of activity so it may be a group of U3A members going with a few extras but it does not fall within our remit for member cover.” £54 a projectile. Cheques to “Weston Turville U3A (Travel)” by June General meeting. **Contact Adrian or Trevor, details above.**



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