



# Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

January 2016



Weston Turville U3A wishes you all a Happy New Year (I know it is a bit late but the sentiment is still meant!). The predictions of a harsh snowy winter from November to March have not yet realised but I took this photo with my phone in Wendover woods this morning just to show we had some snow!

As you can see below we are sad to announce the closing of the Money Matters group which has been running a couple of years now. We also announce the starting of a new group called Science and Technology. This flexibility in our groups allows for the changing interests of our members and

ensures the groups are relevant for our U3A today. We wish to thank Carol for her work in organising speakers and researching all things relating to money on our behalf, and we welcome our new group leaders for the Science and Technology group! Remember our AGM is in April and membership renewal will be required from March 2016. The cost is the same, £15 which includes the sum sent to the national Office, a free quarterly magazine, free access to legal advice, as well as free refreshments at the main meeting. A Bargain! There will be a need for several new committee members and details on how to volunteer and all the AGM gubbings will be sent to you from next month. If you wish to help out at meetings but do not want to join the committee, contact our Vice Chairman, Mike Bean. Mandi Simons

**SPEAKER:** Our next meeting is on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> when Tony Hawkins will be giving us a talk titled "Seeing it my way" As ever please don't arrive before 2pm unless you want to help set it all up!

**TRIPS:** The Globe Theatre, London - Friday 29th January 2016. Now that Christmas and New Year celebrations are behind us this is the **final call** for the "Behind the scenes at The Globe Theatre", It includes a guided tour of the Globe Theatre and entry to Globe Exhibition. Cost will be £29 each. Lunch will be available in the reasonably priced Globe Restaurant at your cost. We will leave Weston Turville at 8.30am (Chandos and shops) returning around 6pm. To reserve a place please email or call [m.duly@btinternet.com](mailto:m.duly@btinternet.com) (01296 623060)

**THEATRE:** Thursday 3rd March at 2.30 matinee. End of the Rainbow - The Judy Garland Story, starring Lisa Maxwell tickets £17.50

Thursday 10th March at 2.30 matinee. Private Lives by Noel Coward. Tickets £17.50

Thursday 31st March at 7.30 p.m. Andrew Lloyd Webber & Don Black's West End and Broadway hit Tell me on a Sunday. Starring Jodie Prenger. Tickets £24.50

Thursday 14th July at 2.30 matinee. The international award-winning Broadway and West End musical Chicago. Starring John Partridge (Eastenders). Tickets £20.00

For further information contact Rosemary Williams at the main meeting or email: [theatre@wtu3a](mailto:theatre@wtu3a)

**FOOD APPRECIATION:** Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016 12 noon for 12.30pm. As we haven't had much response to our previous offer, Rosemary & I have had a rethink and have now decided to offer this one again but making it a lunch time event rather than the evening and also, (especially as so many of you had a great time at the Beaujolais Nouveau lunch) we have decided to hold it once again at The Village Gate. It is a different menu that David Cavalier (the chef) is offering and this includes a Starter, the Main dish will be Fish (if you are not happy with this then David will do something else for you) finishing with a Pavlova Dessert followed by Coffee or Tea with Chocolate Macarons. The cost will be £31 and that includes the gratuities. If this sounds good and you would like to join us can you please let me know as soon as possible? Pam Wilson. Contact:

[food.appreciation@wtu3a.org.uk](mailto:food.appreciation@wtu3a.org.uk)

**MONEY MATTERS:** It is with a heavy heart that I have to advise that I am closing the Money Group with immediate effect. The group has been running for two years and to begin with, the attendance averaged 15 - 25, but the last three meetings I have had just 5 people turn up. I was surprised that there was so little interest in December's speaker - Chris Clarke, on the subject of diamonds, which was extremely interesting; especially as his previous two talks were very well supported. I have really enjoyed running the group and hope that some people will be more knowledgeable when it comes to their financial affairs because of it. Carol (Johnson)



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**BOOK CLUB NO2.** Vacancies: There are currently spaces for the second Book Club; we meet on the second Wednesday of the month between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. We won't be asking you to read Shakespeare or War and Peace! For more information contact Rosemary Williams at the main meeting or email: [mrswills31@gmail.com](mailto:mrswills31@gmail.com)

**PATCHWORK AND QUILTING:** The Patchwork & Quilting Group held their "annual exhibition" at the November meeting and the quilts and other items on display, illustrated the wide range of techniques members of the group have been working on over the past year. Photographs of these items can be seen on the Patchwork & Quilting Group's gallery on the Website.

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY GROUP: Introductory Meeting: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 2:30pm. Venue: Chandos Arms, Weston Turville.** An introductory meeting has been organised in order to find out what prospective members would like from the group. If you are interested please come along on the 20<sup>th</sup> January with ideas of topics, places to visit etc. and your diary so that we can arrange a regular monthly day and time to meet. Glynn White & John Beer



**GARDEN VISITS:** Our first visit for this year is to Thorngumbald, Quanton on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. The NGS describe this garden as a "Small, heavily planted cottage garden designed for year-round interest. Drifts of snowdrops, hellebores and crocus form a carpet under clipped evergreens and shrubs. Topiary. Please contact Gaynor or Pat to sign up or see them at the main meeting.

**COMPUTER GROUP:** Some of you may know that the computer group is set up so we hope to loose members on a regular basis! It is split into two sections: beginners and intermediates. The idea is that beginners move on to more advanced stuff and the intermediates leave us because they are confident and competent enough to do what they wish without us showing them. None of the instructors have a background in computers and we don't do nerdy speak during the classes. We try to give you the knowledge and confidence to accomplish everyday tasks on your computers, laptops and tablets. This includes sending emails, attachment's, finding stuff that you saved somewhere, searching the internet, shopping, basic excel, word processing, basic photo editing, etc etc etc. If you have just read this and have no idea what I am on about, then you should seriously consider coming to the group! Laptops can be provided for the class so no initial expense is required. Mandi Simons

**LOCAL HISTORY:** Our next meeting is Tuesday 26th January when Hugh Grainger talks on 'The Reeves Tale' How the vast majority lived, in a typical village of 1450: their housing, food, work, customs and society, plus the story of how a misdemeanour was unravelled. 1030 – 1200 The Chapel, Worlds End Lane, £3 entry which includes refreshments. Contact Glynn White for more information.

**EXTREME VISITS: BLOKARTING: RESCHEDULED DATES:** "Who dares Grins"



Weston Windsports have now provided us with two windows of opportunity in April that works with the Tides, Council beach closures and their own availability.

To maximise availability, we have booked 13:00 on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and 14:00 on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April for a second attempt at a BloKarting. (We have also asked Weston Windsport to hold 8<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> just in case we are swamped by additional requests). Car sharing to Weston Super Mare, parking on the beach. There are toilets and a café 500 metres from the beach. This experience is provided by a BLSA (British Land Speedsail Association) Instructor. Though we don't want to be becalmed (again), this event is weather dependent, be prepared for cancelation at a couple of days' notice.

Warm waterproof clothing and footwear required, Safety Glasses, Helmets and gloves provided, though you can take your own. All for only £40; £4 deposit Cheque to "Weston Turville U3A (Travel)" with booking. Remaining £36 directly to Weston Windsport on the day, cash, or they can take card payments if required.

Contact Adrian or Trevor [extreme@WTU3A.org.uk](mailto:extreme@WTU3A.org.uk) Tel 0777 150 6055 or see them at main meeting. Maximum 16 Participants per day unlimited spectators.

**OVERSEAS NEWS:** U3A Summer School – Chichester-Monday, 27th – 30th June 2016

The South East U3A Forum Summer School will be held at the University of Chichester from Monday 27 June to Thursday 30 June 2016. Some of our members have attended summer school before and found the courses to be excellent.

Courses on offer this year are: 'Mediaeval & Georgian Chichester' 'Drawing with pen and enhancing with colour wash' 'Astronomy, then and now' 'Understanding Deviance and Crime' 'Some 20thC Poets and their poetry' 'Seventy years of Changing Britain' 'Jazz, Blues and Folk Music in the USA' 'Psychology: Thinking, Feeling and Behaviour' 'Mathematics Explored' 'The Golden Age of Dutch Art' 'Play reading with discussion' 'Some Great Houses and Gardens in Sussex' 'Enjoy more Bridge, Enjoy Bridge more' 'History of Aviation on the South Coast' 'Walking in and Around Chichester'.

For more information and costs see our website.

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