



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

September 2016

The word
LISTEN
contains
the same letters
as the word
SILENT.
— Alfred Brendel

U3A COMMITTEE NEWS: There is a lot to say this month so I would like you to get a hot drink, make yourself comfortable, and concentrate hard! Our Chairman, Pat Housego, would like to thank everyone who responded to our mini survey re speakers at the monthly meeting. Whilst some of the suggested options are not viable (mass disrobing is not allowed on a Thursday afternoon) others have been considered by the committee and we have decided to try a new format for this November meeting. I am telling you early because you may need to prepare for it..... For our meeting on Thursday 24th November we will be extending

the opening hours of the hall - 1.30 open to 4.30 close; and having a show and buy area. The speaker will be talking as usual. Groups are welcome to display anything they have made or done this past year and all members are invited to donate plants, jams, chutneys, unwanted gifts (not jumble) etc. to be 'sold' for charities chosen by you. We are not directly selling any item but donations to the nominated charities will be accepted in lieu. So we would like you to let us know the charities to donate to (the top voted couple will be used) and we need volunteers on the day to run the area: please reply to me with suggestions and names. If you are not going to be attending the meeting but have jams, plants or gifts etc. you wish to contribute: you can leave them at my house and I will ensure they are included. Mandi Simons

YELLOW BOOK: The inserts for the yellow book have now been received from the printers and will be available at this month's meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting the inserts will be posted out to you, but obviously there are cost implications in doing this. The inserts contain information on all sorts of stuff related to the running of this U3A as well as details of groups and leaders. Please destroy your old inserts on receipt of the new ones but shred the pages with names and email addresses on them to prevent fraud. Mary Duly Arlene Bocking is interested in conversational Italian so if anyone else would like to chat to Arlene in foreign tongues could they please contact her via the U3A website!



SPEAKER: Our next meeting is on Thursday 22nd September when we have a talk entitled 'Faberge' by Fiona Lean. As ever please don't arrive before 2pm unless you want to help set it all up!

TRIPS: KILL OR CURE: Friday 21st October 2016. I am currently running a reserve list for this trip. Full payment due now please. If you are not going to get to the monthly meeting can you please send your cheques made payable to Weston Turville U3A (travel) to me asap, Mandi Simons. Thank you.

U3A CHRISTMAS LUNCH: - This year's Christmas lunch is being held at Pendley Manor Hotel, Tring on Friday 16th December 2016. Tickets are £27 per person and include raffle ticket. Everyone to arrange their own transport. The cut off date for booking your place is 10th November; if you haven't booked and paid by then you will be too late! To book your place which must be accompanied with full payment, please contact: **Mary Duly, 01296 623060 m.duly@btinternet.com**

BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS: Barbara Bittenbender is going to start a new bridge group starting in October for beginners. If you are interested in joining this group contact Barbara or David Coleman for information.

U3A DIARIES FOR 2017: Orders are being taken for next year's U3A diaries which remain the same bargain price of £2 each. Please send or give your order to Rosemary Williams with the £2. No order can be accepted without payment.



HISTORIC BUILDINGS: A visit to Ickworth House on Monday 3rd October. It is a National Trust house so do not forget your card. We will be leaving the Chandos at 9.0 and the shops. 9.05. Watch out for details of our Christmas special. Ceinwyne Jones

OVERSEAS NEWS: AVDC have produced a new magazine designed especially for the older person. One of our members found it at her local gym!!!! I have since been in touch with AVDC and got 100 copies which will be available at the monthly meeting but here is the link to the online version

<http://www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/upcoming-events-older-people>. It has interesting trips, sports, courses, guided walks and all sorts of stuff in it and is well worth a read. It will be distributed every couple of months and I will ensure it is available for you. Feel free to pass the word and information to non U3A members who may be interested.

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.

EXTREME VISITS:

White Water Rafting; 7th October – Olympic Lea Valley White Water Centre.



We now need the final outstanding cheques to complete the booking!
Event full, but no wait list.

Full details to follow.

£43 per mariner. Cheques to "Weston Turville U3A (Travel)" **ASAP**.

Slotcar Racing; 4th November – Northwood Hills.



Race Slot cars on a permanent 41m, 8-lane ultra-smooth Ninco circuit, with perfect electrical connections, sophisticated race control system that gives you accurate lap and race times, positions, fastest laps etc. Then at the end of the event walk away without having to put it back in the box!

£10 per racer. Cheques to "Weston Turville U3A (Travel)" September General meeting.

Dinghy Sailing Anyone? – Llandegfedd Reservoir.

Our friends at Bath U3A have noticed that we have no sailing groups. Their dinghy sailing group wondered whether there are some members of WT who would like to join them on a trial basis? They welcome people with no experience at all right up to Level 2/3 & instructors.

Depending on dinghies hired, cost ranges £10 - £15 for 2 hours sailing plus contribution to bridge toll and driver's overheads. Contact Patrick McCarron. 01225 420029/patanna@btinternet.com

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

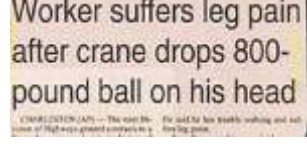
Remember to add your photos to the new Facebook Group 'Weston Turville U3A'.

Apparently some people do not know how to upload photos so here is a quick lesson. Save your photos on your computer or tablet in a place you can remember. Then go into your Facebook account and open the page Weston Turville U3A. If you are using a tablet you may have a button called info. Tap on this and you will see a section called photos; tap on 'view all' and the different albums will appear as if by magic. You are then given a choice to create a new album or you can add to an existing album. If creating a new album (preferred because it means photos can be found easily by others) follow instructions and then upload from that remembered place you stored the photos. A computer is slightly easier as the word photo appears at the top, so click on this and then albums then add album and away you go!

There is a frightening video uploaded by Janet Campbell of her recent descent on the infamous zipwire. I had to hold the sides of my chair whilst watching. Take a peak.

You can add other information to the Facebook page which may be of interest to our U3A members: it is intended to be an information hub of all things that we can't put on the website or newsletter. If you do not know how to set up a Facebook account and more importantly the privacy settings, please speak to Pat Housego or myself.

HEADLINES: I have a space so here are some newspaper headlines (Thanks to Lyn Park)



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