



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

April 2022

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General meetings Our next general meeting is on **Thursday 28th April** and this features a presentation entitled “An Actor’s Life” in which Jeff Rozelaar will enlighten us with his humorous anecdotes of theatre performances and his film extra work. It all happens at the Rugby Club from 2.30pm Refreshments will be available for those with their own cups and the usual paperback/magazine/CD/jigsaw swaps will also take place. Don’t forget entries for the Bake Off close at the meeting.

The following meeting is on **Thursday 26th May** which doubles up as the AGM and Bake off. AGM information has been sent out but any nominations for the committee need to be with Jenny Hunt by the end of April.

Membership renewals Details have now been sent out and the fee for the next year is £10. If you are an existing member there are no forms to fill in and if you want to pay by cheque there will be a box on the registration table at the forthcoming general meeting.

Chairman’s Report

The first meeting of Wine Group 2 was held on the 13th April. 22 people attended and tasted six different South African wines, all presented by Eric Foster. My thanks to Eric, it was a very good evening. A reminder that our next meeting is on **Wednesday 25th May**. As we approach our AGM in May we are still looking for one or two to join the Committee. If you are interested, and you’d be very welcome, can I ask you to speak to our Secretary, Jenny Hunt at our meeting next Thursday.

Subscriptions for the new WTU3A year are now due. If you are able to, can I remind everyone that, if you Gift Aid your subscription it makes a real difference to our finances. Finally, I’ll be away for the next meeting, I’m sure it will go well and I’ll see you next month. *Everyone was seated around the table as Sunday Lunch was served. When little Jonny received his, he started eating straight away.*

“Jonny wait until we’ve said prayers” his mum reminded him.

“I don’t have to”, said Jonny.

“Of course you do, we always say our prayers at our house”.

“That’s at our house”, said Jonny “This is grandma’s, she knows how to cook!”

Chris Bennett

Platinum Jubilee We are having a stand at the Weston Turville Picnic in the Park on **Saturday 4th June** but need some help to set it up and man it. Chris Bennett is co-ordinating it and would be delighted to hear from any volunteers on: chairman@wtu3a.org.uk The new petanque area will be opened and our players will be in attendance.

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.

Network News There are still plenty of Zoom talks organised by Thames Valley Network starting with "Pictures on a Page" at 2.30pm on **Thursday 28th April** - the same date as our next meeting. On **Monday 9th May** also at 2.30pm, there is a talk on "Anaesthesia, Past Present and Future" to be given by Professor Tom Clutton-Brock whilst on **Friday 10th June** there is a Summer Quiz. Applications for all events close about three days beforehand and more details are on www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Petanque. The group has now restarted after the winter's break with meetings on the first and third Monday afternoons of each month at the Rugby Club. More details from Ken Shaw on: petanque@wtu3a.org.uk

Theatre Visits Next performances are: **Wednesday 4th May** We Will Rock You – Waterside Aylesbury 2.30pm (£32), **Thursday 5th May** Sound of Music – Pendley Court - £16 and **Wednesday 22nd June** – Some Mothers do 'ave 'em - Waterside - £26. More details from Melanie Evans on: theatre@wtu3a.org.uk

Visiting Churches The next visit is on **Tuesday 10th May** to St Peter's and St Paul's Church in Wingrave starting at 2pm. If anyone is interested who is not on the e-mail list please contact Odette Harris at churches@wtu3a.org.uk.

Book Club 2 Last month we read "Flowers in the Attic" by Virginia Andrews. A very interesting book and considering that it is based on a true story, quite unbelievable. This month we have decided to follow a different way of deciding on our book of the month. One of our members has suggested we have a list of 12 categories to choose from, i.e. a book about a pandemic or a book with a person's name in the title. Then one of the group will pick a category and use it as our theme for the month. That way we might all read different books but that are linked by a theme. I have chosen a book where the main character goes on a trip. It will be interesting to see what the rest of the group chooses. Occasionally we have a spare place within the group, please email Rosemary Williams for further details. bookgroup2@wtu3a.org.uk

Walking Group The next walk is on **Tuesday 10th May** and features a flat four mile circular walk at Ashridge starting at the Bridgewater Monument at 10.30am. Hopefully the bluebells will still be out. Lunch is available afterwards at the Chiltern Forest Golf Club. Lifts are available from the village – meet at the Chandos at 10am. More details from Sylv Elliott on: walkers@wtu3a.org.uk

Science & Technology On **Thursday 5th May** there is a visit to the GWR Museum in Swindon –postponed from 2020 because of Covid. The June visit (**Thursday 9th**) is to the superb Duxford Air Museum (£42 for coach and entrance) and on **Thursday 7th July** we are going to Combe Mill which were the Blenheim Estate workshops. This costs £20 (no coach provided) which includes refreshments on arrival and on leaving. Details from John Beer on science@wtu3a.org.uk

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