



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

December 2021

Learn, laugh, live, learn, laugh, live, learn, laugh, live, learn, laugh, live, learn, laugh, live, learn, laugh, live, learn, laugh, live, learn, laugh, live, learn.

Last meeting Our last meeting was well attended, maybe the thought of mulled wine and mince pies added to the attendance, and we had an interesting talk with Alan Copeland speaking about the curiosities of the Cotswolds. Once the audio visual equipment was sorted he provided us with an hour's entertainment enhanced by superb photography.

Next meeting. As probably no-one would want to come on the fourth Thursday of December there won't be a meeting that day, so our next general meeting will be on **Thursday 27th January** at the Rugby Club. Details will be in the January newsletter.

Chairman's Report Hello everyone.

The end of another difficult year that began with Zoom meetings, often chaotic especially the ones that I ran, and then as things got easier, our Party in the Park, which you responded to with a wonderful turnout. Slowly the attendances to our monthly General Meetings have increased and in November I think we were back to normal! Interest groups are the same with trips, walks, games, history, science, food, wine etc. all now having live meetings. Many thanks to the group leaders who kept in touch with their members via Zoom & WhatsApp, but especially, thanks to you all for your support and enthusiasm. Our next meeting is on 27th January, 2022. Much will depend on how things go over the next few weeks but let's be optimistic and let me say, "I'll see you all there". For now, and on behalf of the Committee, I would like to wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year. *Chris Bennett*

Christmas Lunch Our brilliant WTU3A Christmas Lunch was at the Chiltern Forest Golf Club where the venue was beautifully decorated, the food was excellent and the ambiance was wonderful too! The quiz and raffle were enjoyed by all and thanks go to Carol Williams and everyone else who helped throughout!

Last minute presents In case you need a present for yourself or a loved one(!) the U3A head office have a shop for various goodies including mugs (£4) travel mugs (£5) beanie hats (£6.50), caps (£6.50) and tote bags (£3). The full range can be found on the national website: www.u3abrand.org.uk

I went to the library and asked "Do you have a book about pantomimes?" The librarian replied "It's behind you!" (Henning Wein)

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NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Bridge The Social Bridge group, most suited to "improvers", meets on Mondays at 2.30pm at the Chandos in the village and gives you a chance to play in a convivial manner with help always being at hand for further improvement of your game. Details from socialbridge@wtu3a.org.uk

Theatre Visits On **Wednesday 5th January** there is a trip to the Waterside in Aylesbury for is described as a "kickass-pirational pop musical" 'Fantastically Great Women who changed the World' this tells the story of female pioneers such as Emmeline Pankhurst and Marie Curie. Stalls tickets are £20 and the performance starts at 7.30pm. Also at the Waterside on **Monday 31st January** at 7.30pm we have 'Burn the Floor' which is the Kevin Clifton merging dance and theatre show. Tickets for the stalls are £56. 'Matthew Bourne's Nutcracker' is at Milton Keynes Theatre on **Thursday 17th February** at 2.30pm. It is £32 for a ticket in the stalls. Details on all visits from Melanie Evans on theatre@wtu3a.org.uk

Trips Our trip to Faversham and Canterbury proved very popular with a coach ride to Kent being followed by a lovely turkey Christmas lunch at Sun Inn in Faversham. The excellent guide provided us with a very interesting guided tour in Faversham and Canterbury, and then it was time for Evensong in Canterbury Cathedral before the long trip home. A really good day thanks to the efforts of Jayne Lennard and Mandi Simons.

Patchwork & Quilting The Patchwork & Quilting Group sadly had to cancel their seasonal celebrations on 21 December due to new Covid restrictions. Earlier this month they handed over more quilts to Project Linus, the charity donating quilts to sick and disadvantaged children. Over 40 brightly coloured quilts and blankets have been made by the group in the past year and they will be going to Mount Vernon Hospital, Aylesbury and Wycombe Women's Aid and the Watford Women's Centre. Plans for next year's projects are well underway and as they are now meeting in a larger venue at Stoke Mandeville Community Centre there is room for new members to join this productive group. Contact Maureen Reeves Group Leader on quilting@wtu3a.org.uk

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An invitation; IF you are aged between 40 and 74 with no major pre-existing medical conditions and not on medication for high blood pressure or heart conditions and have not had a health check in the last five years, you are eligible to have a NHS Health Check at Wendover Library on Thursday 6th January. You can book an appointment by phone (01494 490444) or by email at: parkwood.livewellstaywell@nhs.net

Tenth Anniversary. Although the actual anniversary was in 2020, for obvious reasons the celebrations were put on hold with 2022, hopefully, being the year we can have them. Scheduled dates are: **26 May** - Bake Off, **28 July** – Hog Roast, **28 September** – 60's night and **15 October** – quiz. More information during the early part of the year.

What carol is heard in the desert? O camel ye faithful

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