



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

May 2022

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Janet Hawkins Members will be saddened to hear of the sudden death of Janet Hawkins earlier this month. Janet had been an enthusiastic member of the committee for several years and she was the first person many of you met as she was “on the door” at our general meetings checking names off the membership list and welcoming everyone to the meeting. Janet was also a member of numerous groups both within our U3A branch and also with Aston Clinton U3A. Our sympathies go to her husband, Tony, and to all her family members and friends.

Last meeting This was one of the best talks we have had for a long time as Jeff Rozelaar amused us with his anecdotes of his theatre performances and his film extra work.

Next meeting We have a busy afternoon in store on **Thursday 26th May** as we have both the Annual General Meeting and the Bake Off.

The afternoon’s timetable is expected to be:

- 1.45 All cake entries to be at the Rugby Club
- 2.00 Doors open
- 2.30 Annual General Meeting
- 3.00 Bake Off results and toast to 10+2 anniversary
- 3.10 Afternoon teas (and cake) served. Don’t forget your cup if you are having tea.
- 4.00 Meeting finishes.

As usual the book/magazine/jigsaw swop will take place. Incidentally, the tea rota has filled up for the next few months, but Lyn White would be delighted to hear from anyone who could help with the teas from September onwards.

The following meeting is on **Thursday 23rd June**.

Chairman’s Report Hello everyone. Very little to say this month, much of what I might have said is in my Annual Report. Thank you all for your support throughout the year, I hope to see as many of you as possible at our AGM on 26th May. Hopefully we will speed through the serious bit and get on to the “even more serious bit”, tea and cake!
Chris Bennett (Chairman)

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Membership renewals A message from Simon Evers our Membership Secretary. Thank you very much if you have already renewed your membership. As you will know, separate membership cards are no longer being issued. However, I will shortly be sending you an email confirming your membership details and including a paper membership card for you to print, cut out and keep. This is your proof of membership if you are requested to provide this by a group leader at any time. **If you have yet to renew your membership, I look forward to hearing from you soon!** Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries about this by emailing me on membership@wtu3a.org.uk or writing to me at 3 Watermill Way, Weston Turville HP22 5SR.

Platinum Jubilee We will be at the Weston Turville Jubilee celebrations on **Saturday 4th June** in order to tell people why it's a good idea to join WTU3a! We will also be using the Petanque Court, showing off this new village facility. If you are able to spare an hour or two to help, it would be gratefully appreciated so please let Chris Bennett know on chairman@wtu3a.org.uk if you can help for a while.

10 Year + 2 Anniversary The first event is the Bake off on **Thursday 26th May** but a reminder that the following events are:

Thursday 28th July Hog Roast. This forms part of our general meeting and apart from the food there is a performance by the Folk, Blues and Beyond group and also the raffle for the wonderful quilt made by members of the Patchwork & Quilting group.

Wednesday 28th September – 60s evening at Aylesbury Rugby Club. Music will be provided by the Blue Moons and there will be a buffet. More details and ticket information will be in the next newsletter.

Saturday 15th October. Quiz with fish and chip supper at Weston Turville Village Hall. Once again there will be more details in forthcoming newsletters.

Network News On **Friday 10th June** the TV Network is holding an online Summer Quiz and on **Tuesday 14th June** they have a talk on roses, also online. Applications for all events close about three days beforehand and details are on www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk.

Aylesbury Vale U3A We are invited to several of their events starting with a Rock and Roll Mid Summer Party on Thursday 16th June at Rivets Sports & Social Club in Aylesbury with tickets costing £10. Details: sound@avu3a.org.uk.

They are running a couple of coach trips – on **Wednesday 6th July** to Kentwell Hall and Long Melford in Suffolk (cost £37) and then to Arundel Castle on **Monday 1st August** when the cost is £42 for coach and castle entrance. Any of our members wanting to go on these trips will be made very welcome. Details from: outings@avu3a.org.uk

Did you know that ants never get sick? That's because they have little anty bodies.

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NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Visiting Churches The next visit is on **Tuesday 14th June** to St John the Baptist Church in Stone starting at 2.30pm. If anyone is interested who is not on the e-mail list please contact Odette Harris at churches@wtu3a.org.uk.

Science & Technology The next couple of visits are: **Thursday 9th June** to the superb Duxford Air Museum - £42 for coach (which leaves from WT at 9am) and entrance to what is Britain's largest aircraft museum 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. However you will need to bring a packed lunch. We also have a guided tour of the mill and workshops. Meet at the Five Bells for 9.45 for car share or meet at the venue for 11am. Details from John Beer on science@wtu3a.org.uk Although no other trips are planned at present John would like to hear of any suggestions for visits so he can follow them up.

Friday Bridge Group We are a friendly, mixed ability bridge group (not beginners) who meet in St Anne's Hall Wendover once a week on Fridays. You do not need a partner to come as we choose pairs randomly on arrival. If you are at all interested, you would be made very welcome but in the first instance please contact brendaspruce16@aol.com.

Grub Club The Grub Club is run by myself, Annie Edwards. We meet approximately once a month for either lunch, afternoon tea or even breakfast if preferred. We choose our own meal and pay at the time, no pre-booking or deposits. I arrange the venue and email the details to members of the group who then let me know if they would like to join us. If you would like to join the Grub Club please email me on annedwards29@hotmail.com or telephone 07941 314586, or see me at one of our general meetings.

Annie is back running the group and her next meeting is at 12.30pm on **Friday 17th June** at The Oak in Aston Clinton.

Garden Visits There may be a few places left for the trip to Prince Charles' Highgrove on **Tuesday 5th July**. It will cost £42 for garden admission and the coach. Highgrove is a series of interlinked gardens created over 40 years which reflect the Prince's artistic ability. On **Friday 12th August** there is a trip to Wormsley Walled Garden near Stokenchurch which is on the Getty family estate. This will be by car and further details can be had from Mary Duly on: gardens@wtu3a.org.uk

Theatre Visits Coming up on **Wednesday 22nd June** we have Some Mothers do 'ave 'em which is at the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury. Tickets are - £26. More details from Melanie Evans on: theatre@wtu3a.org.uk

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Patchwork & Quilting The group has had a busy few months so far this year with four new members joining us and a project to make four small quilts with designs to represent the four seasons. Each is made using a different patchwork technique to extend our skills. Pictures can be seen on the web site. We have continued making quilts for disadvantaged children and families with two recently being donated to a Ukrainian family who have moved to Stoke Mandeville. A quilt which we made during Lockdown will be raffled at the Hog Roast in July to raise funds to buy materials so we can continue this worthwhile project. More information from Maureen Reeves on: quilting@wtu3a.org.uk

Petanque. The group continues to meet on the first and third Monday afternoons of each month at the Rugby Club. More details from Ken Shaw on: petanque@wtu3a.org.uk

Walking Group The next walk is on **Tuesday 14th June** and Sylv Elliott will be sending out details shortly. Anyone not on her mailing list can get information from her on: walkers@wtu3a.org.uk

Chess Although the group has been dormant for a while, Geoffrey Howell is looking to restore it with games being played either online or face to face. Anyone interested should contact him on: chess@wtu3a.org.uk

Book Group 2 This month we were all choosing a different book to read, the only stipulation was to read a book where the main character went on a journey. Two of the books chosen are true stories, one called "Lily's promise" is about Lily's journey from her home country Hungary to the concentration camp Auschwitz. She arrived there with her family including her mother and two sisters. She tells how she survived and made a promise that if she survived she would tell the world of her time in the concentration camp and the treatment of the Jews. One other book is called "Nala's journey". It tells the story of a man's quest to cycle around the world then right at the beginning of his trip he encounters a tiny kitten who he named Nala. A true story of the trip and how he raised thousands for animal charities. Next month the challenge is to find a book with an item of clothing in the title - should be interesting. More details from Rosemary Williams on: bookclub2@wtu3a.org.uk

Finally, if you are interested in starting a group please get in touch with Chris Bennett who would be delighted to hear from you on: chairman@wtu3a.org.uk

Laughing at your mistakes lengthens your life. Laughing at your wife's mistakes shortens it.

Diet tip: If you think you're hungry, you might just be thirsty. Have a bottle of wine first and then see how you feel.

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