



Weston Turville U3A Newsletter

November 2022

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Last meeting The October meeting provided another excellent presentation with Colin Brown telling us about the RNLI and how it provides the world's finest marine rescue service entirely funded by voluntary contributions. The sale of RNLI merchandise, especially Christmas cards, benefitted them by £270 and another £123 was dropped into their collection bucket.

Next meeting Our final general meeting of the year is on **Thursday 24th November** when we have Sarah Slater's talk on Sex, Scandal and Secrets at Court. A warning that it's not for the prude, but it's fun and rude! She talks about some of the naughty bits of history between 1660 and 1830 which were never on the school curriculum. It all takes place at the Rugby Club from 2.30pm and as always the book/magazine/jigsaw swops will be there as will teas, coffees and maybe even a mince pie. The 2023 series of meetings starts on **Thursday 26th January**.

Chairman's Report.

Hello everyone. It really was like old times at our October meeting with 111 people signed in, the best post Covid attendance, other than the Summer Hog Roast. The meeting held in the Village Hall, heard a superb presentation from Colin Brown of the RNLI. Thank you everyone for your support purchasing RNLI merchandise, we were able to make a very significant contribution. We are back to normal and at the Rugby Club for our meeting this month on the **Thursday 24th November**. I look forward to seeing you all there.

U3A Diaries. The diaries will be distributed at the November general meeting and if you are not there Rosemary Williams will be getting them to you somehow.

Anniversary celebrations - Part 3 The 10+2 Anniversary 60's Music Night was a great success and thanks go to Mary Duly and team for getting it all arranged. Since then there have been many calls for it to become an annual event.

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Anniversary celebrations - Part 4 The Final Hurrah Saturday 12th November saw the final event to celebrate, very belatedly, WTU3a's 10th anniversary. Our Quiz with Fish'n'Chips supper at Weston Turville Village Hall. We had a packed hall with 82 competitors expected and just five unable to attend on the night. The Quizmasters, Paul Fincken and Jane Hobson had devised a bespoke quiz around the number ten, having started compiling it in 2019! A huge thank you for all their work. Needless to say some of the answers were easy and some impossible but the right balance was achieved with teams usually able to answer more than half. Our break-time supper was supplied by Aaron O'Sullivan who brought his kitchen to the hall so a 'soon as cooked' delivery was ensured. The 'Quizzical Quizzers' took first prize, six bottles of fizz, and 'No Idea!' obviously had a lot of ideas as they were only a couple of points behind them, they won six boxes of chocolates - if the prizes last until Christmas I'm sure they'll be very welcome then. The buzz in the hall and the smiling faces were a testament to a great night being had by all. There were so many requests for another quiz next year that Paul and Jane volunteered to be our quizmasters again!

Anniversary Finale On behalf of WTU3a Chris Bennett presented bouquets to 'Ken's Ladies' to thank the WTU3a 10+2 (pew!) Committee for what must be one of the longest planned series of celebrations thanks to the pandemic. Thank you for the beautiful flowers on behalf of all the ladies - Jules Whitehead

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Visiting Churches Visits have now finished for this year and will restart in the spring. If you are not on the group's mailing list and would like more details of future visits please contact Odette Harris at churches@wtu3a.org.uk.

Walking Group The next walk is on **Tuesday 13th December** and is our Christmas walk. It would be fun if we all get in the Christmas spirit and wear festive hats/scarves or anything else you can think of!! It starts and finishes at The Plough in Cadsdean HP27 0NB where we will can have lunch on return. It is a circular four miles in woods and returning on the Ridgeway. Please wear suitable footwear as the paths will be slippery especially where there's chalk. More details from Sylv Elliott on walkers@wtu3a.org.uk

Rummikub The new Rummikub group has now started. It will not be meeting in December so the next scheduled meeting will be on **17th January 2023**. Group details from Deborah Brown at: rummikub@wtu3a.org.uk

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Theatre Visits On **Wednesday 14th June** next year at 2.30pm Strictly Ballroom is scheduled for the Waterside and if you are interested please let Melanie Evans know at theatre@wtu3a.org.uk .

Christmas Lunch We have already well over 70 bookings for our annual Christmas lunch at 12.00 for 12.30pm on **Wednesday 7th December** at Chiltern Forest Golf Club. The cost is £35 per head – payment with booking please. When booking please say if you are booking a table with friends or individually. The menu can be found at: xmaslunch@wtu3a.org.uk and organisers Carol Williams and Brenda Spear will be at the next meeting to take bookings.

Patchwork & Quilting The afternoon group has now moved to the Community Centre in Stoke Mandeville, where the morning group already meet. Meetings are on the first and third Tuesday of each month and further details can be had from Maureen Reeves on: quilting@wtu3a.org.uk

Science & Technology We coming to the end of the year and we have completed all of our planned visits. The Windmill at Quainton was very interesting and is open on Sunday mornings if any of you wish to visit separately.

We are in the process of exploring visits for 2023.

Roger Everson is trying to get some visits associated with recycling underway, which has been an aim of ours for some time. One of our members was contacted by a hopeful lead. This has resulted in us deciding to revisit the Greatmoor Incineration plant which we did some time ago. This will hopefully take place at the beginning of March with others to follow.

I am seeing if we can go to The London Transport Museum at Acton in April. More information on these and other trips will follow when we have firm details. In the meantime if you have any thoughts about visits we may undertake please let me know especially if you have tried in the past to get us to consider something before. John Beer at science@wtu3a.org.uk

Joint Coffee Mornings with Aston Clinton U3A You may just receive this newsletter in time for the next one which is on **Thursday 17th November** at the Five Bells in Weston Turville from 10.30am. The following one is on **Thursday 15th December** also from 10.30 - 12 at the Five Bells. More details from Marie Jones on 07733 412295 or email at coffee@wtu3a.org.uk.

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Chess The group meets every other Friday lunchtime at the Chandos (the next one is on 18th November. Let Geoffrey Howell know on chess@wtu3a.org.uk if you are interested.

Network News The Thames Valley U3A Network is still holding online talks and coming up they have: **Wednesday 30th November** (2.30pm) – a talk on Namibia, and **Friday 9th December** (2.30pm) – A Christmas quiz. Full details on our website or from: www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk The 2023 series starts on **Thursday 12th January** with The Music of Motown.

An invitation. Aylesbury Vale U3A are holding their annual Rock'n'Roll Christmas Party Disco on Thursday 15th December from 7.00 – 10.00 pm at Aylesbury Tennis Club on Wendover Road. The party features music from the 50s/60s/70s with a licenced bar, raffle and mince pies. Tickets are £5 in aid of a local charity supporting children with brain cancer. All U3A members are welcome and there are some tickets available if any of our members would like to purchase them. Please email John Wilford at sound@avu3a.org.uk or ring on 07881 706450 for more information and how to purchase tickets either by post or by direct bank transfer.

Another invitation Last year Sophie Matthews gave us an enjoyable presentation on music in art and she is now back in action with her ensemble for a Christmas show called "Gaudette" at the Old Town Hall in Hemel Hempstead on Wednesday 7th December. Details from: <https://oldtownhall.co.uk/events/gaudete-festive-songs-and-tunes>

Remembrance. Membership Secretary Simon Evers placed the WTU3a wreath on the village war memorial on Remembrance Sunday. Pleasant weather and a good turn-out made it a poignant yet memorable morning.

Finally - a message from Mandi Simons. Just a reminder that this u3a has its own Facebook page which can only be accessed by members. Feel free to post any photos, activity or information that may be useful or interesting to our members. To join just answer the questions.

"Doctor, Doctor, I can't stop singing 'The Green, Green Grass of Home'."

"That's what we doctors call Tom Jones syndrome."

"Oh really - is it common?"

"It's not unusual."

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