



TOWCESTER

MONTHLY BULLETIN MARCH 2019

What a difference a day can make ! We seem to have gone from the wind and rain of storm Gareth followed by Storm Hannah to a calmer day of blue sky and warm sunshine The spring flowers are out, the trees are in blossom and the days are longer all signs that Spring is coming!

Monthly meeting

Today March 27th we welcome David Skillern talking about “The Bentley Boys-The Playboy Racers“.

On April 24th our speaker will be Gordon Rogers with the intriguing story of “Winston Churchill’s Toy Shop“

AGM 2019

Members are reminded that our 2019 Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 29th May. This will be an opportunity for members to elect who they would like to represent them on the committee. A nomination form for members to nominate their chosen representatives together with a draft agenda will be available on our website.

Following the AGM our speaker will be Richard Carter with his presentation about the National Leather Collection .

TEA ROTA 2019

We continue to be very grateful to our group members who serve the sea and coffee at our monthly meetings Unfortunately an incorrect rota was published in the Tuba Please note the correct rota for 2019

24th April London Explorers 1 (Mike Isherwood) 29th May London Explorers 2 (Jim Lynch)
26th June London Explorers 3 (Felicity Prior)

31st July Mah-yong 1 (Anne Holder) 28th August Mah-jong 3 (Lyn and Howard Winfield)

25th September Music for Pleasure(Valerie Hall)

30th October Nordic Walking (John Russell) 27th November Painting for Pleasure (Mick Hockley)

Caption Competition

Many Thanks for all your superb captions for our Caption Competition. The little Red Panda photographed by Richard Roberts has certainly stirred the imagination . I will look forward to publishing the captions in the next edition of the Tuba.

New Group

Jenny Rigby is interested in starting a new Computer group. Like many of us she is a well informed amateur and would like to start a group to share knowledge and experience.

Aimed at beginners or users who would like to become more confident in there devices we would like anyone interested to let us know by emailing us at publicity@towcesteru3a.co.uk.

Your email should include the type of device you use, for example, laptop, tablet, smart phone and if you know the operating system e.g. Microsoft, Apple or Android.

Suggest things you would like to learn or if you’re an expert knowledge you could pass on.

At this stage we are gathering names of people interested but are planning to meet on the 3rd Wednesdays each month in the afternoon, possibly at the Sawpits centre as that has a good free wifi signal.

We will repeat this note on the website, and hopefully once we have sufficient numbers we will contact everyone with the first meeting details.

Only cost will be to share the meeting room hire. So why not email publicity@towcesteru3a.co.uk now or talk to a committee member at the monthly meeting.

Garden Visits

Wednesday 8th May. Exbury Gardens. **Leave 8.00am** Entry £9. Coach £14. Total £23.

May 2019 Membership card required.

Thursday 13th June Peter Beale's Garden Attleborough Norfolk am Bury St Edmunds pm

Entry free. Coach £14. **Leaves 8.00 am**

May 2020 Membership card required.

Tuesday 9th July. Bowood House and Walled Garden Calne Wiltshire.

Coach £12. Entry £15.25 includes tea coffee and biscuits on arrival Tour of Walled Garden and free flow of house. Total £27.25 **Leaves 8.30am.**

May 2020 Membership card required.

Please see Carole at the monthly meeting or call 01327 352564. All cheques payable to Towcester U3A. All members must have valid U3A membership card. May 2019 then May 2020 June onwards.

Theatre Group

There are at the time of writing still places available for Hair on July 17th Tickets £22 .50 each and money to be paid by April 11th. A new show has been added to the programme "Saturday Night Fever" on October 16th tickets £ 25.00. There is only the need to express interest at this stage. Money to be paid by May 21st See Bron at the Theatre Group table at the monthly meeting or contact Marion 01604 8642 or e mail

Marionjollywilson@hotmail.com

Badminton Gary Garnor sends his apologies for his prolonged absence due to a trapped nerve which is affecting his hand and arm. Gary thanks Gillian Botthamley who has taken over his duties in his absence He hopes to be back at both badminton and guitars soon.

A very **successful New Members meeting** was held in March, Committee members and co-ordinators were there to meet new members. Many thanks to the U3A Recorder group who played throughout the meeting. The next meeting for new members will be held in summer.

Finally Thanks to everyone for their contributions to the bulletin and the Tuba, I am already receiving articles for the next Tuba Please keep sending them to lucasrcl@aol.com

Carol