

WOODSIDE U3A NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2019

Meeting at The Church of the Nazarene, The
Brow, Woodside, Watford, Herts WD25 7NW
On the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9.30am
<https://u3asites.org.uk/woodside>

On behalf of myself and our committee I would like to welcome you all back after our August break. What a mixed month it has been weather-wise; a mixed bag of extremely hot days and nights, mixed with storms that brought us strobe lightening that would have befitted a 1970's disco. Then the thunder that seemed to stroll behind the electric show, that flashed across the night skies. The Bank Holiday also broke all records for its high temperatures, enabling the last week of the school holidays to get off to a rollicking start for families. We were also warned to 'drink plenty and stay out of the burgeoning sun'.

From the empty quiet streets it seemed most people heeded the advice. Those of you who have taken holidays in the past few weeks I hope they have provided a welcome change of scene and for those who stay put during the Summer months,

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Laila, Chair

AGENDA FOR 17 SEPTEMBER
9.30 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS,
STUDY GROUPS & BOOK VISITS
10.00 BUSINESS MEETING
10.15 REFRESHMENTS
10.45 OUR SPEAKER IS
BOB REDMOND WITH A TALK
ENTITLED 'ELSTREE -
BRITAIN'S HOLLYWOOD'
11.45 ROUND-UP AND CLOSE

OUR SPEAKER FOR OUR NEXT
MEETING ON 15 OCTOBER IS
SAFFRON SUMERFIELD WITH A
TALK ENTITLED 'WHEN BIRDS
SING'

YOUR COMMITTEE



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like me, have enjoyed the red hot summer; phew it was challenging at times, but lovely.

No doubt many of you have continued to participate and enjoy attending your chosen study groups during August, along with outings and visits to special places of interest.

As you are aware two of our committee members, Linda Williams vice Chair, and Lesley Cummings, membership Secretary, have attended the National U3a Conference and it is hoped they will provide a written report in the October's edition to keep us up to date with developments at National level.

On the 12th of August myself and many of our members attended the special event 'Tea with Barbara', at Southwest Herts U3A General Meeting. It was a jolly affair, despite the sound system letting the organisers down; it was wonderful to see how the spirit of our U3A movement rallied and ensured this special event was a huge success for Barbara. I am also proud to announce that at the U3A National Conference a Special Life Time Award was made to Barbara for her years of sterling committed work to the U3A movement both at local and national level. Her husband Stewart received the award on Barbara's behalf, since she was not

well enough to travel. Woodside U3A is especially proud given that Barbara is the founder of our own, still fledgling, U3A.

This moves me on to your committees work over the next few months. As you know many of the original officers, including myself, will have served 3 years by the time the 2020 AGM arrives next June. The 4 mandatory roles as prescribed in our Constitution are as follows: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The two roles that need to stand down in 2020 are the Chair and Vice Chair. The treasurer role is prescribed for a longer period and our current treasurer Ken Appel, has not reached the end of his term, neither has our Secretary Barbara Elman. The committee's work is to ensure good succession planning, to a degree that enables current expertise, acquired over the past two years, to flourish and continued training and support of all committee members to ensure we meet our obligations under National U3A rules and the Charity Commission expectations, as our U3A is a registered charity. Within this remit we will continue to encourage all Woodside U3A members to attend the monthly committee meetings and to consider standing for office when vacancies occur. For our fairly new

U3A to prosper and grow it is imperative that all members support succession planning and think about how they might step forward, at some point, into a leadership role to secure the future.

Woodside, along with other U3As, has been invited to participate in a Network Quiz, organised by the Herts. Network of U3As, on Friday October 2019, 1-4pm. Our Quiz Group organiser, Sue Brown, has taken up the challenge and will field a team sponsored by your committee.

We of course wish them well.

Again our U3A will be invited to join the MacMillan Coffee Morning at our October General meeting; some of our members will offer cakes for sale. As members are aware U3As are not fundraisers, as such we leave it up to members whether or not they feel able to support this annual national event.

As we move into autumn, there is much to look forward to and I hope to share as many events and outings with you all. I hear that plans for the December general meeting are well under way, but so far all is hush-hush, except someone asked me for my 'Head' measurements! I will leave you with that thought.....

Laila

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Committee meeting visitor

Having admired the amazing summer houses at the Hampton Court Flower Show on Sunday, today it was my great pleasure to be sitting in one but this time as a visitor to the U3A Committee Meeting held at Laila's house in Abbots Langley. I received a warm welcome and was impressed by the thorough and efficient way these meetings are held, each member reporting on their particular area of responsibility and working collectively for the benefit of our U3A community. It was informative and an enjoyable way to spend a morning.

Libby Crawford

(Leader Walking Book Club)

Study Group News

Two "huddles" will take place this month, for Scrabble and Current Affairs, around the study group tables after the business meeting. Another proposed group is a Drama Study Group; if you are interested please add your name to study group form. To join Barbara Lewis' Virtual Group contact stewart.lewis2@ntlworld.com.

On the Notice Board we have a section where members can post items of interest, forthcoming events and requests.

Anne Mitchell joined our committee meeting this month.

Bernice

The **photography group** made a visit to Pitstone Museum on Tuesday 9th July. This is a very interesting museum which depicts life in the 1940/50s.



We will now select our best twelve photos which Pitstone has requested for publicity use - so fame at last!

We will also use the same photos for our next U3A photography display.

Ken Jones

After 2½ years of refining their 'Talent', the **Art Study group** put on a display of their work using many different mediums.



Wrest Park visit

On what proved to be the hottest day ever recorded in the UK, members of the **social group** made their way to Wrest Park in Bedfordshire. This baroque style house has been a home, hospital, (during WW1), and is now owned by English Heritage.



The 'Long Water' and spectacular parterre gardens, make this property well worth a visit

Janet Perry

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STUDY GROUPS

September 2019

American History. Contact Barbara Lewis on 01923 260410. Suspended at the moment. Next meeting to be advised
Joint with SWH

Antiques. Contact Lesley Barrett on 01923 676427. This group will meet at varying days and times. Please contact Lesley for details.

Art: Contact Sue Walters on 01923 682317. Thursday, Fortnightly 10-12am, at Tanners Wood Hall. Next meeting 9th May

Badminton: Contact Susan Coultrup on 01923 334387. Wednesday, weekly, at Watford Leisure Centre. *This is a joint group with SWH*

Belly Dancing: Contact Bernice Caffrey 01923 672359. Meeting 2nd and 4th Monday at 11.30 – 12.30 at All Saints Church Hall.

Board Games: Contact June Dyer on 01923 265229. Meeting Monday afternoons. Monthly at members homes

Books: Contact Libby Crawford on 01923 247847. Meet 3rd Wednesday at 10.30am

Bowls (outside and indoor): Contact: Anne Howarth on 01923 673110

Bridge: Now closed as all moved to Bridge Improvers. Any members wishing to learn could start a new group.

Bridge Improvers: Contact Judith Evans on 01923 260354 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1.30-4.30pm Asda Room 3
Joint Group with SWH

Curry Group: Contact Anne Mitchell on 01923 671662. Thursday – times and venue vary.

Crafters: Contact Janet Perry on 01923 679844 or 07778056026. Meetings fortnightly on Monday evenings at 7.30 – 9.30pm. Venues differ

Creative Writing: Contact Mary Miller on 07887 991892. Meeting 4th Tues of the month at 11am until 12.30pm

Cycling; Contact Derryck Croker on 01923 673719 as times to be arranged

Environmental Group. Contact Laila Namdarkhan on 01923 269388. Times and venues to be confirmed

Family History: Contact Bea Luffrum on 0771 1709039. Meeting monthly on the 1st Wednesday in the morning at members homes.

Flower Arrangement: Contact Jill Macey on 01923 221634. Meet monthly on a Friday at Asda Community Suite. *Joint Group with SWH*

Folk Dancing at All Saints Church Hall on the 2nd Friday of the month at 2.00 – 3.30pm.
This is a joint group with SWH

Garden Visits and Outings: Contact Teresa Brunswick on 07712 710811. Venue, days and time vary

History for All : Contact Joyce Crawford on 07970271243. Meeting monthly on the 1st Thursday at 2.00-4.00 Venues vary

Jewellery: Contact Gloria Barber on 01923 462462 or 077082058, At the moment meeting every 3rd Thursday. Venues vary

Language (French): Contact Heather Lace on 07951937064 Fortnightly on Monday at 2.30pm at Members Houses.

Language (Spanish): Contact Carol Stanton on 01923 676471. 1st and 3rd Monday at St Hilda's Room, All Saints Church Hall at 1.30 to 2.30pm

Language (Spanish 2) Contact Alison Theobald on 01923 463573. Meeting every other Wednesday at 10am to 11am

Line Dancing: Contact Judy Lovell 01923 893368 1st and 3rd Mondays. 10.15am and 11.15am
If possible please attend the second class as the first class is full.

Joint Group with SWH

Listening to Music: Contact Diane Reilly on 01923 261840. Meeting monthly on the 1st Tuesday afternoon at members homes

Lunch Group: Contact Joyce Gray on 01923 263213 or rejoyce.gray@gmail.com. Monthly 4th Wednesday. Venues vary

Philosophy – Contact Jeanne Johnson on 01923 263598

Meeting monthly 1st Monday 2.00-4.00pm.

Joint Group with SWH

Photography: Contact Ken Jones on 01923264855.

Meeting monthly on the 2nd Monday at 2.0pm at members homes

Play Reading for Fun: Contact Derek Giles on 01923 270971. 1st Monday 10-12 at Asda

Joint Group with SWH

Sewing: Contact Tina Photi on 07427866825.

Meeting 1st Wednesday of the month 10-00 and 12.00 at Tina's home

Sing for Pleasure. Contact Ady Shaw 01923 518021 meeting fortnightly on a Thursday at 9.30am until 11.30.

Social Group: Contact Ken Emmons on 01923 672139 or email kjemmons23@gmail.com or Joan Gillett jgillett43@gmail.com 3rd Wednesday at 1.30pm at Room 2 Asda Community Suite

Swimming. Central baths- Monday Wednesday and Fridays between 8.30 and 10.00am.
Tea and coffee in the Library afterwards.

Table Tennis: Contact John Simpson on 07531 542605. Fortnightly at 10,00am until Noon at YMCA Haines Way

Trips by Coach

Contact Martin Rodel on 01923 442417

Ukelele: Contact Trevor Boardman on 01923 244016. Meet 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday and 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday at 2.00pm at Tesco Extra Watford Community Room.

Joint Group with SW

Weekenders are a group of people who will participate in organising events and visits for the weekend. Contact Teresa on 07712 710811

Whist: Contact Gwen Barker on 01923 510699 1st and 3rd Thursday 2pm-4pm

Joint Group with SWH

Woodside & SWH Pathfinders. Contact Patrick Turner on 01923 263511 or 07954640263 for details of next meeting

Woodside & SWH Striders.

Contact Patrick Turner on 01923 263511 or 07954640263 for details of next meeting

Woodside Strollers Contact Gloria Barber on 01923 462462 or mobile 07708 020583.

Meeting monthly 2nd Tues at 1pm

Woodside Walk 5: Contact Derryck Croker on 01923 673719. Monthly morning meetings 2nd Wednesday

Quiz Group. Contact Sue Brown on 01923 661516 or 07812840047. Monthly quizzes- dates and times vary - held at Asda Community Suite.

Yoga. Contact Marta Hall. Meet at the Harebreaks Community Hub at 10.00 – 11.00am. Weekly commencing 17th May.

Our **July speaker** was Dr Heather Falvey with a talk entitled 'The Manor of the More' the remains of which lie within the grounds of Northwood Preparatory School. The remains were found when the Met. Railway line was cut through the grounds. The site of the Manor of the More showed that it was one of the most impressive of the later medieval houses, comparable to Hampton Court. The Manor was recorded as having a central Inner Court, Base Court and a northern Long Gallery. Television's Time Team became involved in 2012 and took two geophysical surveys of the remains.

It was the home of Catherine of Aragon after the annulment of her marriage to Henry VIII. The Manor was built on flood plains and did not survive. By 1598 it was in ruins and demolished in 1661.

Brighton Day Trip 8th July

We all started out for a fine day to the South Coast, with the **Social Group**, and arrived at Brighton at 11.30. Some of us headed to the Royal Pavilion, a Grade 1 listed building, built as a retreat for the Prince Regent George 1. His love of architecture, fine & decorative arts were reflected in the gorgeous interior of the building. The pavilion also served as a hospital in World War 1 for Indian troops. It has had its share of bad luck namely an

arson attack in 1975, then damaged again by the storms in 1975.

Next was Quadrophenia Alley, which is in the east street of the famous "Lanes. In 1979 they filmed the famous Quadrophenia film there, which was loosely based on the who's who 1973 Rock Opera of the same name.



L-r: Ann & Glen Price, Dick Harris and Barbara Shome by the sea

After a superb lunch at Harry Ramsden fish & chip restaurant, we walked on to the Palace pier, with amusements and a good view of the promenade. Thank You to Joan & Ken for a great day out.
Sheila Harris.

WANTED: NEWS & PHOTOGRAPHS suitable for publication please send to The Webmaster, Andrew Cummings at andrew.cummingsu3a@btinternet.com for inclusion on the website

<https://u3asites.org.uk/woodside>

AND FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Copy date for the October Issue of the Newsletter is 1st October.

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