

WOODSIDE U3A NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2022
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Hi Everyone,

Welcome to our January 2022 newsletter.

A New Year but still under the threat of the Coronavirus pandemic with the emergence of the Omicron variant. I hope you've all had your booster vaccinations as we have been asked to do so to get as full a protection as possible.

As you know, we had to cancel our December General Meeting. This meant we were left with an abundance of mince pies. You may be pleased to know that we took them to the Food Bank in Watford, where they were received with many thanks from the staff who run it.

Our January General Meeting is on Zoom. With entertainment in the form of monologues and a quiz presented by members of the Committee - myself, Lesley and Bernice.

It may not be ideal but we'll stand tall and keep Woodside u3a up and running despite what Coronavirus is throwing at us.

Maybe this would be an opportune time to phone and chat with another u3a member from your interest group. We should all reach out to each other. Many of our members live alone, and some may be shielding. If we're unable to meet up, let's stay in phone contact. It makes sense.

We'll get through this eventually. Stay safe and well.

Barbara Elman
Chair

Future meetings at The Stanborough Centre, St Albans Road, Watford:
15 February & 15 March (unless advised otherwise meetings will be via zoom) Our February speaker will be John McCombe, Hon. President, SERV Herts & Beds - volunteers who deliver blood products and donor milk to neonatal units. Over the last three years they have made over 6000 deliveries.

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Woodside u3a Interest Groups January 2022.

Although we are not meeting face-to-face in January you may like to consider joining another Interest Group in the New year.

Art:	Contact Sue Walters on 079 892 50 483. Group meets fortnightly 10 -12am at Tanners Wood Hall.
Badminton:	Contact Susan Coultrup on 01923 334387. Group meets weekly on a Wednesday at Watford Leisure Centre (<i>this is a joint group with SWH</i>)
Books:	Contact Libby Crawford on 01923 247847. Group meets every 3rd Wednesday at 10.30am.
Bridge Improvers:	Contact Judith Evans on 01923260541. Group meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1.30 - 4.30 at asda Room 3. (<i>this is a joint group with SWH</i>)
Family History	Contact Bea Luffrum on 07711709039. Group meets monthly on the 1st Wednesday in the morning at members' houses. Starting again in November
Flower Arrangement	Contact Jill Macey on 07736680501. Group meets quarterly on Tuesday at 2.00 - 4.00pm at Asda Community Suite. Next meeting 7th December 2021 (<i>this is a joint group with SWH</i>)
French:	Contact Heather Lace on 07951937064. Group meets fortnightly on a Monday at 2.30pm at members houses.
Garden Visits	Contact Teresa Brunswick on 07712 710811. This group will start again in January/February. Venue, time and days will vary
Spanish 1:	Contact Sue Brown on 01923 661516 or 07812840047. Group meets fortnightly on a Friday at 11 - 12am at the Royal Oak at Abbots Langley.
Spanish 2:	Contact Alison Theobald on 01923 463573. Group meets fortnightly on a Wednesday at 10 -11am. Venue to be confirmed.
Line Dancing:	Contact Judy Lovell on 01923 893368. Group meets 1st and 3rd Mondays. First session 10.15am. Second session 11.15am. (<i>this is a joint group with SWH</i>)
Listening to Music:	Contact Diane Reilly on 01923 261840. Group meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday afternoons at members' homes.
Philosophy:	Contact Jeanne Johnson on 01923 263598. Group meets monthly on the 1st Monday 2 - 4pm .(<i>this is a joint group with SWH</i>)
Photograph:	Contact Ken Jones on 01923 264855. Group meets monthly on the 2nd Monday at 2.0pm at members homes.
Play Reading For Fun:	Contact Derek Giles on 01923 270971. Group meets 1st Monday at 10 - 12am at Asda. (<i>this is a joint group with SWH</i>)
Sewing:	Contact Tina Photi on 07427866825. Group meets 1st Wednesday at 10 -12am at Tina's home.

Singing for Pleasure:	Contact Ady Shaw on 01923 518021. Group meets fortnightly on a Thursday at 10.00am - 11.30am at Asda
Social Group	Contact Ken Emmons on 01923 672139 or Joan Gillett jgillett43@gmail.com Group meets 3rd Wednesday at 1.30pm in Room 2 at Asda. Starting again in February 2022
Table Tennis:	Contact John Simpson on 07531 542605. Group meets fortnightly at 10 -12am at the YMCA Haines Way
Trips:	Contact Martin Rodell on 01923 442417. Available Trips advertised at General Meetings
Ukulele:	Contact Trevor Boardman on 01923 244016. Group meets 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays and 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday at 2.00pm at Tesco Extra Watford Community Room. (<i>this is a joint group with Watford and District u3a</i>)
Pathfinders:	Contact Patrick Turner on 01923 263511, or 07954640263, for details of the next meeting. (<i>this is a joint group with SWH</i>)
Woodside Walk 5:	Contact Derryck Croker on 01923 673719 for details of next meeting. Group meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday.
Quiz:	Contact Glen Price on 07787155461. Group meets 3rd Thursday of the month at YMCA Haines Way, WD25 7QU between 19.00 - 21.00 hours. Bring your own refreshments.

Interest Group News

Please note change of venue for the Quiz Group.

Abbots Langley Festival

From the 18th June until the 17th July Abbots Langley will be holding it's festival and Woodside u3a will be represented by holding 8 sessions in the Library. We hope the members of our interest groups will put their heads together to promote their group at one of these sessions, which will be held on Tuesday and Thursday during this month between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.

I have already sent an email to the group leaders, as we need a response by the 30th January, so that the information can go into the event guide.

Thanks Bernice

Visit to Winchester Christmas Market

Article to follow in the February newsletter

Christmas lunch at the Blue Check Restaurant



Barbara starts the raffle



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