

WOODSIDE U3A NEWSLETTER

JULY 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>

Since I last wrote for our U3A Newsletter, the weather has certainly changed for the better. As we approached the Summer Solstice of the Longest Day, warmer weather arrived to denote summer has arrived, at long last. So much to look forward to, long awaited holidays for the travellers amongst us, open air events, trips to local place of interest, including Hampton Court, Brighton and many others including our own Woodside Garden Party hosted by Ken and Beulah Appel, for which we thank them. Unfortunately due to a previous engagement I was not able to attend this year, but from what I hear it was a happy gathering, though it was, as Beulah informed me, tremendously hot and members attending had to seek shaded area, in the beautiful gardens.

Aware of the sudden rise in temperatures, I was reminded of the importance of applying sun tan lotion, when out and about in
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Laila, Chair

AGENDA FOR 16 JULY

9.30 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS,
STUDY GROUPS & BOOK VISITS
10.00 BUSINESS MEETING
10.15 REFRESHMENTS
10.45 OUR SPEAKER IS
DR HEATHER FALVEY WITH A
TALK ENTITLED 'THE MANOR OF
THE MORE'
11.45 ROUND-UP AND CLOSE

OUR SPEAKER FOR OUR NEXT
MEETING ON 17 SEPTEMBER IS
BOB REDMOND WITH A TALK
ENTITLED 'ELSTREE -
BRITAIN'S HOLLYWOOD'

**PLEASE REMEMBER WE DO NOT
MEET IN AUGUST**

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such hot spells. After I recently met a friend who had made a river trip with out applying skin protection, consequently she suffered quite sever burning to her arms, requiring treatment. It's always wise to carry a small amount of sun protection.

As we can see there has been much to keep us busy during these longer days in addition to local U3A actives, there has been the national interest in the Women's World Cup, with our England women's team reaching the semi-finals only to be pipped at the post by the current Women's World Cup holders USA. The high level of skill on display by these International women's teams in such a short space of time is phenomenal. It had me wondering if any of our women members ever played football or wanted to but were not able to find suitable facilities or clubs to join. Today girls are encouraged into football and there are many local teams all well supported and providing healthy sporting opportunities for all who wish to join. Long gone are the days when the FA banned women's football, now they are reaping the rewards of renewed investment in the girls and women's game.

Along with this we have the annual Wimbledon excitement. This year,

once again we witness young players entering this prestigious competitive tournament and at the time of writing the youngest Wimbledon player ever 15yr old Coco Gauff advanced into round 4 of her first Grand Slam. Along with many others I will be watching her progress as the tournament continues, along with the perfect weather.

From feedback that I have received I understand that members feel the AGM in June was a success, and I would especially like to thank Ady Shaw and the Shedettes for their joyful singing set. It takes great courage to stand before your peers and entertain; many involved have never been in a singing group before. It was refreshing to know that numbers are increasing, and it looks like it will be a full choir anytime soon; all singing for pleasure and giving us all pleasure along the way.

I understand that entertainment plans for the Christmas period are already underway, though it is all very hush-hush at the moment. If anything like last year, there is much fun ahead to look forward to. Also your Social Secretary Ken, along with Joan, have many planned

trips and events from July to the end of the year, so keep an eye out for anything that catches your fancy. Also Martin has plans for the Autumn season, along with the Gardening group.

The Bookstall will be available at the July General meeting, so still a good opportunity to find some holiday reading to take you over the August period until we return again in September. Your book stall volunteers have done a wonderful job for our U3A and the money raised will support our two delegates attending U3A National Conference. They are Lesley Cummings, membership secretary and Linda Williams, Vice Chair. We look forward to hearing their conference report when we return in September.

Before closing I would like to remind members that the Woodside U3A General Meeting does not take place in August, due to the Church venue not being available. However Study Groups and Trips continue as planned throughout August.

I and the committee look forward to seeing you all at the July General meeting and wish you and your families an enjoyable Summer.

Laila Chair
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Following the AGM we were entertained by Ady and his Sheddettes



and strawberries and cream



At our **May General Meeting** our guest speaker and entertainer was Angela Collins with her amazing puppets. Her puppet making career started 28 years ago for her church social. They are constructed from foam rubber and pieces of fabric.



Angela's
Pub
Landlady
character



Her stage was wood covered in Brentford nylon sheets - you can see the audience but they can't see you

At her first Christmas puppet show, Father Christmas was mugged by the 'Punch&Judy' crocodile. In her version of Mr Punch, he does not put the baby through the mincer and is a reformed character.

She has many stories and puppets which she uses to entertain children in schools and parties.



Angela with Rosie and Jim

She runs workshops where children can make their own puppets. Her latest creation is a pair of dodgy 'Urban' badgers wearing hoodies. She also travels the country entertaining at National Trust properties.

Study Group News

If you would like to join Barbara Lewis in her Virtual Group you need to send a note to stewart.lewis2@ntlworld.com.

Also a reminder about "Tea with Barbara" on the 12th August at 9.30 at Francis Coombe Academy. PLEASE WEAR YOUR LANYARD

Two "huddles" to take place this month. One for Scrabble and another for Current Affairs. These will be held in the area around the study group tables after the business meeting.

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

Attendee at July committee meeting was Libby Crawford. Bernice

Social Group Trips for 2019

July Thurs 25th Wrest Park
 August Sat 31st Croxley Great Barn
 Sept Wed 11th Gunpowder Mills
 Sun 15th Hughendon Manor ???
 Fri 27th Mosquito Museum
 Oct Sun 13th St Albans Signal Box
 Tues 29th **Postal Mail Rail Museum (coach) Ken**
 Nov Wed 6th Ten Pin Bowling/lunch
 Thurs 21st **Imperial War Museum (coach) Ken**
 Dec Mon 2nd **London Xmas Lights/Eat at Covent Garden**
 Tues 10th Christmas lunch/Blue Check Restaurant

WOODSIDE

STUDY GROUPS

July 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 at Asda Community Suite.

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 starting from the 20th June.

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 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

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 07712710811

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.

With grey skies and fine rain falling, 41 Woodside members set off by coach to visit the **Hampton Court Flower Show**.

By mid morning the sun was out and the gardens were filling up with eager buyers of plants and garden accessories.



The main floral marquee



There were plenty of seating areas and places to eat - and to take the weight off our feet. Time to relax and listen to some music.



Lots of happy faces as members arrived back laden with plants and garden goodies!

Thanks to Louise & Linda for organising such an enjoyable trip

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 September Issue of the Newsletter is 1st September.

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COACH TRIP TO BRIGHTON

Found on coach - one seagull brooch



Please see Ken Emmons on front desk if you have lost your seagull brooch

