

WOODSIDE U3A NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2021  
MEETING AT THE STANBOROUGH CENTRE  
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Hi Everyone,  
Welcome to our November Newsletter.

After our successful 5th AGM I can announce our new 2021/2022 Committee:

Chair - Barbara Elman

Vice Chair - Linda Williams

Vice Chair and Interest Group Co-coordinator - Bernice Caffrey

Treasurer - Alison Theobald

Membership Secretary - Lesley Cummings

Speakers Secretary - Ken Appel

Social Secretary - Ken Emmons

Safeguarding and Equality - Heather Lace

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sheila Ramsamy and Anita Gullis who have stepped down from the Committee. We thank them for their contribution to the group over the past four years, which is much appreciated.

November is a month when the weather starts to change towards winter temperatures. The winter woollies come out the wardrobe and the summer cottons are stored away. Summer is behind us and Autumn is ending. But it's a time for us to look forward. On a positive note, it has been so good to see our members at the last two meetings. We'll continue with our precautions against Covid for as long as is necessary. Interest groups have started to re-emerge and we are already planning our Christmas programme. We have a coach trip booked to the Winchester Christmas Market, our Christmas Lunch takes place on 7 December at The Blue Check Restaurant in Bushey and entertainment is being planned for the December General Meeting. It's all systems go for Woodside to thrive again. Make sure you're a part of it.

See you all at the November General Meeting when we will also have a speaker after the business part of the meeting (details in the agenda 3<sup>rd</sup> page).

Barbara Elman  
Chair

YOUR NEW COMMITTEE



BERNICE CAFFREY  
VICE CHAIR & INTEREST GROUP  
COORDINATOR



LINDA WILLIAMS  
VICE CHAIR



ALISON THEOBALD  
TREASURER



HEATHER LACE  
SAFEGUARDING & EQUALITY



LESLEY CUMMINGS  
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY



KEN EMMONS  
SOCIAL SECRETARY



KEN APPEL  
SPEAKER SECRETARY

Please see back page for contact details of the committee, webmaster and newsletter editor.

AGENDA FOR GENERAL MEETING ON 16 NOVEMBER 2021  
AT THE STANBOROUGH CENTRE, ST ALBANS ROAD, WATFORD

- 9.30AM MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS, INTEREST GROUP SIGN-UPS & BOOK VISITS
- 10.00AM BUSINESS MEETING WITH BARBARA
- 10.15AM REFRESHMENTS
- 10.45AM OUR SPEAKERS THIS MONTH ARE PHILLIPA PHIPPS AND HAYLEY WHITBREAD, FROM THE BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE UNIT. THEIR TALK IS ON FRAUD AND CYBER CRIME.
- 11.15AM ROUND UP AND CLOSE

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

After a brief and business-like agm, Sheila and Anita were thanked for their hard work and presented with a gift. As it was the agm we were treated to cake with our refreshments. Our speaker for October was Trevor Baker, a researcher and local historian with a talk entitled "The Henderson Legacy - Fake or Fortune"



*"The Henderson Legacy - Fake or Fortune"*

On 14 December 2016, several Tiffany artefacts were auctioned at Sotheby's, New York, including a stained glass memorial window which sold for \$2,652,500 (£2.1 million).

That same year, the Church of



Photo credit: Rev John Lincoln

Scotland removed Elvira Henderson's memorial window from the Morenish Memorial Chapel, near Killin. There is overwhelming evidence that in 1902 a genuine Tiffany window was installed in the Chapel, and yet there is compelling evidence that it is fake.

Elvira Henderson died in childbirth in 1901 at the age of 31 and her remains are buried in St Lawrence Churchyard, Abbots Langley beneath a sarcophagus designed by Sir George Frampton. Her husband, Henry William Henderson gave Abbots Langley the Henderson Memorial Hall and her mother Aline gave Morenish a chapel with a Tiffany window. But is it genuine? Trevor continues his research with help from researchers in New York and the UK.

## Woodside u3a Study Groups November 2021

Art:	Contact Sue Walters on 01923 682317. 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.
Spanish 1:	Contact Sue Brown on 01923 673719. 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 Monday 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 <a href="mailto:jgillett43@gmail.com">jgillett43@gmail.com</a> Group meets 3rd Wednesday at 1.30pm in Room 2 at Asda. Starting again in January 2022
Table Tennis:	Contact John Simpson on 07531 542605. Group meets fortnightly at 10 - 12am at the YMCA Haines Way
Trips:	Contact Martin Rodel 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. (this is a joint group with SWH)
Pathfinders:	Contact Patrick Turner on 01923 263511, or 07954640263, for details of the next meeting. (this is a joint group with SWH)
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. Details of next quiz to be confirmed.

### 'SCAMS'

Our speakers, this month, talk on fraud and cyber crime, but one of our members could have been caught by a scammer if she was not alert. The account below by Linda Murphy is a true story received via 'WhatsApp' from someone saying it is from her son.

Son - "Hi Mum this is my new number my phone doesn't turn on anymore so now you can call and text me on this number (07551691057).

Linda - "OK will put it in my phone ok. How are you? Xx"

Son - "Im good, xx Im fine also But are you busy right now? Because I want to ask a favour."

Linda - "Im not busy what can I help you with x"

Son - "I cant make any online payments because of this tempory number but need to do a payment today it must be done today can you make the payment then ill just pay you back when my online banking is working."

Linda - "Give me a call. X"

Son - Im on a call right now can I call you later But can I send you the details."

Linda - "Send me the details but im not paying until ive spoken to you. X"

As my son is a police officer I thought I would wait for a call to check it out.

It was not him but a scammer! Linda Murphy



## THE ART GROUP

The art group meet every two weeks and take it turn to decide on the subject and medium to be used at the next meeting. Here is an example of an ink and water illustration by Sue Walters. It is of Waddesden Manor.



## THE CRAFTERS GROUP

Some members of the Crafters group were invited to take part in Abbots Autumn Fest where they taught people to knit, and had a great many enthusiastic participants. Here are some photos taken on that day.



Autumn Fest has taken place at School Mead for several years. Local groups, musicians and fun fair provide entertainment; several places sell food and refreshments.

## YOUR THOUGHTS ON LOCKDOWN

My thoughts on Lock down.

I relished not having to get up at a certain time to go to work and didn't even miss the money as nowhere to spend it. I loved having all the days to myself and pleasing myself; going to the Allotments daily as my exercise and speaking to friends of mine there and comparing notes on how we were coping. Enjoying the What'sApp group Linda set up and all of the wonderful messages and jokes from everyone which kept me going. Hated being unable to see most of my family and missed the hugs from them. The down side was watching the news each day and just crying for all of those dying with Covid and feeling so helpless. Finding out

one of our Allotmenters had died who was a healthy woman in her early forties before Christmas in 2020. It was lovely to Celebrate Beryl's 90th Birthday in Greenwood Park with so many coming along to enjoy the beautiful sunshine and the wonderful cakes Janet made for the occasion. I do feel fortunate that my family is still safe as am I. Lessons learned are to always tell those special people in your life how much they mean to you every time you see them and do not let silly things annoy you.

Teresa

We mustn't forget celebrating Woody's special birthday Teresa, and our lovely walk to see the bluebells at Ashridge, and looking round your amazing allotments. Carol was so proud of how much she'd achieved with the help of her family in such a short time, they took the allotment on less than a year ago. Personally family and friends have helped see me through the pandemic, daily walks with my daughter, she just loves the natural world, getting together with family across the UK and Australia on Xmas and New Years days made 2020 special despite lockdown, treasured memories. Xxx.

Linda R

### Lockdown Lament

Oh how will I cope  
When there isn't much hope  
Now I can no longer hug a friend  
The announcements have been made  
The lockdown message was played  
But when will it ever come to an end

The gyms are out of bounds  
But as daft as it sounds  
Will I mind not getting up at five in the morning ?  
No one to see my hair looking a mess  
Plus - do I really need to get dressed ?  
Suddenly some lockdown pleasures are dawning .

But now it's over - it's good to be back  
And thankfully I don't think I've lost track  
Of all our meetings and pleasures before we were grounded  
I know we've had Zooms to attend and enjoy  
Sadly however - Not the greatest you may agree I'm sure  
As I know by my friends that's the best way to be surrounded .

From Sue (B ) - with massive apologies to Pam Ayers !!

## **Christmas Market visit Thursday 2 December**

Coach will leave from the Stanborough Centre at 9am; also picking up from Greenwood Drive bus Stop, North Orbital Road around 9.05am. Arriving in Winchester 10.30am to 10.45am and leaving around 4.30pm hopefully back home around 6pm (not too late).

Cost is £15 pp.

All monies to be paid by Cheque ONLY and made out to Woodside U3A.

We have been told that we can park cars round the back of the centre (that will make life a lot easier).

Martin Rodel

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## **Refreshment Rota**

November- Environmental and Garden Groups

### **WANTED: NEWS & PHOTOGRAPHS**

suitable for publication please send to The Webmaster, Andrew Cummings at [andrew.cummingsu3a@btinternet.com](mailto:andrew.cummingsu3a@btinternet.com)

### **AND FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

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