

WOODSIDE U3A NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2022
MEETING AT THE STANBOROUGH CENTRE WATFORD

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Hi Everyone,

Welcome to our November 2022 newsletter and an especial welcome to our new members.

I am continuing to tour the interest groups, this month I visited Listening to Music, Sewing and Drama. I still intend to visit the newer interest groups over the next couple of months.

I really enjoyed singing with the Singing For Pleasure Group in a one hour concert at Lancaster Court Residential Home in Leavesden. The residents enjoyed it and I know the group did. We hope to return later in the year to sing Christmas songs.

As Woodside u3a continues to grow we encourage you to try something new. Check in our newsletter and you'll find details of all our interest groups.

Your Committee have been active behind the scenes. I logged into a Zoom Network Link Meeting on 19 October. Those who attended via Zoom were from all over Britain. Bernice and Lesley attended a Herts u3a get together on 2 November at The Stanborough Centre.

In November our speaker is Yael Shotts from Dementia Carers Count. The General Meeting will be on Tuesday 15 November.

Keep safe and well

Barbara Elman, Chair

Agenda for our October general meeting: Doors open 9.30am, notices 10.00am, refreshments/huddles 10.15am, Speaker 10.30am

Christmas lunch

Christmas lunch at The Blue Check restaurant 6th December @ 12 noon,

£22.including surcharge. See Ken Emmons at the meeting.

Next General Meeting: Wednesday 14 December (not Tuesday!)

LONDON LIGHTS/SUPPER 28th November

Meet at The Stanborough Centre, St Albans Road (park behind the building) Boarding coaches at 16.15pm and set off at 16.30pm We stop at 17.45pm for supper. Return back at approx. 21.30.

There are members that have not paid in full please make your payment at the next meeting on 15th November as food needs to be ordered.

Joan

From 1 January 2023, payment for trips will be required at the time you put your name down on the list.

Please see back page for contact details of the committee

Interest Group News

Art.	Contact: Sue Walters on 07989 250483, Group meets fortnightly 10-12am at Tanners Wood Hall
Badminton	Contact: Susan Coultrup on 01923 334387. Group meets weekly on Wednesday at Watford Leisure Centre (this is a joint group with SWH)
Books	Contact: Libby Crawford on 01923 247847. Group meet every 3rd Wednesday at 10.30am
Bridge Improvers	Contact: Judith Evans on 01923 260354 or 07960 642651. Group meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1.30 - 4.30 at Asda Room 3 (this is a joint group with SWH)
Bus Pass Travel	Contact: Bea Luffrum on 07711709039. Group to meet monthly on a Wednesday or Thursday. Next trip will be in the New Year.
Canasta	Contact: Denise Branton on 07786 391534. Group meets 3rd Tuesday of the month at Asda Community Suite at 2.00pm
Chess	Contact: Barbara Elman on 07833996358. This group meets monthly at members' homes. Next meeting 22nd September.
Craft:	Contact: Jo Bromwich on 01923 443758. This group meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Abbots Langley Cricket Club at 10 until 12 am
Drama	Contact: Carol Stanton at carolstanton225@gmail.com . This group meets on a Tuesday at Asda Community Suite, 10.00am until 11.30am. Next meeting 22nd November 2022
Family History	Contact: Bea Luffrum on 07711709039. Group meets monthly on the 1st Wednesday morning at members houses (this is a joint group with SWH).
French.	Contact: Heather Lace on 07951937064. Group meets fortnightly on a Monday at 2.30p at members houses
Garden Visits	Contact: Teresa Brunswick on 07712710811. Watch out for news of visits at the General Meeting. We currently have three visits on offer.
Line Dancing	Contact: Judy Lovell on 01923 893368. Group meets 1st and 3rd Mondays. First session 10.15am. Second sessions 11.15am (this is a joint group with SWH)
Listening to Music.	Contact: Diane Reilly on 01923 261840. Group meets monthly 1st Tuesday afternoons at members homes
Lunch Group	Contact: Joyce Gray on 01923 263213 or rejoyce.gray@gmail.com . Monthly. Days and Venue vary
Mexican Train	Contact: Bernice Caffrey on 01923 672359. Group meets every 4 weeks on a Thursday at 2.00pm.
Pathfinders	Contact: Patrick Turner on 0923 263511 or 7954640263 for details of next meeting (this is a joint group with SWH)
Philosophy	Contact: Jeanne Johnson on 01923 263598. Group meets monthly on 1st Monday 2.00-4.00pm. (this is a joint group with SWH)
Photography	Contact: Ken Jones on 01923 264855. Group meets 2nd Monday at 2.00pm at members homes
Play Reading for Fun	Contact: Derek Giles on 01923 270971. Group meets 1st Monday 10.00-12.00am at Asda (this is a joint group with SWH)
Spanish 1	Contact: Sue Brown on 01923 661516. Group meets fortnightly on Friday at 11.00 - 12.00am at the Royal Oak, Abbots Langley
Sewing	Contact: Tina Photi on 07427866825. Group meets Wednesday at 10.00-12.00am at Tina's home

Sequence Dancing	Contact: Janet Moles on 07835 260967 Next meeting Friday 9th December at All Saints Church Hall from 2.00pm until 4.00pm
Sign Language	Contact: Sue Hickson on 07958669311. Group will start on the 26th August and meet the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at Asda Community Suite between 2.00pm and 3.30pm.
Singing for Pleasure	Contact: Ady Shaw on 01923 51802. Group meets fortnightly on Thursday at 10.00am -11.30am at Asda
Social Group	Contact: Joan Gillett jgillett43@gmail.com .
Table Tennis	Contact: John Simpson on 07531 542605. Group meets fortnightly at 10.00-12.00am 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 Thursday and 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday at 2.00pm at Tesco Extra Community Room (this is a joint group with SWH)
Weekenders	Contact: Teresa Brunswick on 07712710811. Watch out for news of visits at the General Meeting.
Woodside Walk Five	Contact: Derryck Croker on 01923 673719 for details of next meeting. Group meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday.
Quiz	Contact: Glen Price on 07787155461 meeting at YMCA Haines Way at 7.00pm on the third Thursday of the month.

The Canasta group has now started and we have a new group for those of you who like to dance which is Sequence Dancing. This group meets on a Friday afternoon.

May I remind Group Leaders that you should not invite South West Herts members to join your group unless this has been agreed by both Woodside and South West Herts committees.

As usual, any ideas for new groups would be appreciated.

Bernice Caffrey

Interest Group Coordinator

Photography Group

On Friday 4th November our photography group set out to take on the difficult challenge of photographing fireworks at the Abbots Langley firework display. See below.

It was bright sky and a perfect evening for a firework display. Armed with tripods and cameras we took to the park and took many photographs. We also sampled the local brew before the photography started. I am not sure if that helped but it certainly made the evening go off with a bang.

The event was well attended and everyone had a good time. We will be voting on our best photo towards the end of November and the winning photo will be announced in next month's newsletter.

In the meantime. Congratulations to the winner and runner up from our previous Bentley Priory competition :

WINNER: David Daniels

Spitfire Aircraft



RUNNER UP: Glen Price
2 men and a dog



The Photography Group at the Fireworks



October General Meeting

Our speaker last month was Merwyn Edwards a retired police officer. He spent many years of his 30-year police career as part of the Tactical Firearms Team. His work had to be kept secret from family and others due to high security nature of his work. They were responsible for high profile politicians, embassy staff, terrorists and prisoners. The nature of the work was very intense so officers undertook short term placements before returning to normal duties; often returning to the Tactical Firearms Team sometime later. He said emergency services get through the stress of the job with humour.



Merwyn in uniform in the 1980s



On duty with 'the team' at Christmas with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher at Chequers.

MacMillan Coffee Morning - Tuesday 18th October

Thank you for your support at the above event we raised £157.45 to help this very worthy charity. Every penny they raise helps people living with cancer. A very big thank you to those people who made cakes on the day, we couldn't have done this without everyone's help. Thank you

Alison Theobald Treasurer

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So our u3a can be as environmentally friendly as possible, you are invited to bring your own mug to our monthly general meetings. These are easier to drink from and will save using paper cups. We will continue to have disposable cups for those who forget or are unable to provide their own mugs.

The committee contact details:

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Prospective members may attend a taster General Meeting and one interest group meeting prior to signing up for membership.