

WOODSIDE U3A NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 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
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As we reach the end on another year, I take this opportunity to look back over what I wrote in December 2018. If for no other reason than to reassure myself that I was not repeating myself. I wrote about the seasonal joy invoked by lights in our cities, towns, villages and hamlets. Visiting the history of why we see lights as symbols of celebration and reassurance, both in Christianity and in other religions, likes Hinduism at the festival of Diwali. It was clear from my research, that liberating the darkness with some form of light, in all their forms, was as ancient as time itself. Winter festivals in the Northern hemisphere are clearly associated with the diminishing hours of daylight and long dark winters. In other parts of the globe, where day and night remain about equal throughout the year, festive lights adorn buildings, shopping malls and homes. Unlike here, there is brilliant sunlight and enviable
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Laila, Chair

AGENDA FOR 17 DECEMBER
9.15 DOORS OPEN
9.30 LAILA PRESENTS THE
BUSINESS MEETING
9.45 - 10.15 QUIZ
10.15 - 10.45 REFRESHMENTS
10.45 ENTERTAINMENT
12.30 DOORS CLOSE

OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON 21
JANUARY 2020
OUR SPEAKER WILL BE ALEX
PATERSON WITH A TALK
ENTITLED 'ENERGY FOR LIFE'

Christmas anagrams

1. CONGRESS LIAR(5,7)
2. CAN ASSAULT(5,5)

Another 18 anagrams elsewhere

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temperatures that call for BBQs by way of Christmas cheer, rather seeking indoor warmth, many globally will be enjoying alfresco cocktails, along with sun, sea and sand.

Interesting to note that philosophical quotes and common expressions often use light as a metaphor for gaining clarity of thought and often symbolise hope where there is despair. One of the most common amongst these is, 'far better to light one candle than to curse the darkness'. This aphorism has been used by many in its time, one such person is Eleanor Roosevelt. Her post war dream of a United Nations and Human Rights Charter started in the aftermath of two world wars, was a light bulb moment. It was said of her that, 'she would rather light one candle than curse the darkness, and her glow has warmed the world.' Meaning better to do something no matter how small than complain and do nothing. As we know the Human Rights Charter was signed on the 26th June 1945, with the object of affording all people the rights to 'dignity and worth as human being'. Lighting one candle can have a powerful effect. Sir Terry Pratchett, the acclaimed fantasy writer was rather more ebullient in his homage to light when he is quoted as saying, 'sometimes it's

better to light a flamethrower than curse the darkness'. Which ever way we choose to make a difference, here within the U3A movement and elsewhere, it all contributes to the well being of our society.

Looking at other Christmas traditions and their origins this year I chose a particular favourite of mine, Christmas crackers.

Invented by the Victorian pastry cook Tom Smith, who had the idea following a trip to Paris where he noted the French custom of wrapping sugared almonds in coloured papers, today may be likened to 'wedding favours'. Smith first attempt did not take off as he had hoped, despite the fact that each favour contained a romantic message that he called 'Kiss Mottoes'. Not to be put off, by the limited success of his first attempt, Smith found away to make the cracker 'snap' as it was pulled apart. This was a huge success. Today's crackers deviate very little from Smiths originals and not only festoon our tables at Yuletide, but throughout the year as the traditional cracker adorns birthday, wedding, anniversary and all manner of celebrations.

Amazing what a single trip to Paris in 1840's achieved. The content of crackers can be anything from a humble Christmas party hat with a

fun motto and small trinket, to the elaborate and expensive, diamonds and gold. Some Cracker Facts.

Incredibly in 2014 crackers worth £4million contained Cartier necklaces, an Aston Martin and a Yacht!

Throughout all brands it is estimated that over 400 billion crackers are made each year. That is a huge amount of Snap! Crackle! and Bang!

The UK's largest cracker was made by Chesham school children in 2001. It measured 207ft in length and 13ft wide, contained toys, balloons, hats and jokes. The cracker was pulled by the children and the Saracens Rugby club, and yes, it 'went bang'.

Who has not enjoyed or dreaded, eye squinting, cringing in anticipation waiting for the Big Bang! Followed by the feverish excitement of just 'who' has the portion containing the secret prize. Love or hate them Crackers are as central to the seasonal celebrations as mince pies and figgy pudding. Enjoy. Who knows what little gems are revealed for the winners.

As I almost read the end of this editorial I am reminded of a recent BBC radio 4 extra broadcast of a biographical interview with folk musician and writer Peggy Seeger, some of you may be familiar with her work. Now aged 73 Peggy was

asked did she regret no longer being in her prime? There was a quiet pause in the recording and she said, 'I have always been in my prime, I have never thought there was a stage of both my professional or personal life when I was not. I seek new ideas, new experiences and enjoy meeting new people. My prime is now and in the future'.

What a wonderful positive message and attitude. We at Woodside U3A, I would like to think, are also, always in our Prime, as such I look forward to sharing another successful year with you all in 2020.

Finally I would like say a heartfelt thank you to our committee for their hard work throughout this year, to those who have provided refreshments so diligently at every general meeting, to Interest Group contact people, the book stall organisers, social and coach trip organisers, literally everyone who has contributed to making our Woodside U3A a success as we approach our 3rd Birthday. Hope you all have an enjoyable and Blessed Christmas, wishing you all a positive, healthy and happy New Year.

Laila Chair

4. DRASTIC CHARMS (9,4)

5. IN THE GLINTS (6,5)

Refreshment rota

January - Art & Belly Dancing
February - Badminton & Board Games
March - Books & Bowls

U3A Cluster Meeting

On 24 October Linda Williams and I battled our way through torrential downpour to attend the U3A Cluster Meeting. This meeting is an opportunity for representatives from local U3A groups to meet together, share experiences and discuss local and national issues.

This was a very interesting and informative meeting, and the issues that were discussed included

* planning the National U3A day in June

* the use of the Beacon data management system

* new financial regulations and insurance

* different groups working together, including study days and workshops

* membership and waiting lists

* safeguarding

It was fascinating to hear the differing experiences and organisation of local groups, which range in size from nearly 1,000 to under 100; also to meet the new Hertfordshire Network co-ordinator, who has many ideas for revitalising the U3A activities within Hertfordshire.

Heather Lace

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

All members must:

- Abide by the Principles of the U3A movement.
- Always act in the best interests of the U3A and never do anything to bring the U3A into disrepute.
- Abide by the terms and conditions of the constitution.
- Treat fellow members with respect and courtesy at all times.
- Comply with and support the decisions of the elected committee.
- Advise the committee of any change in your personal details.

Lesley, membership secretary

January General Meeting

Our meeting on 21 January will be our 3rd birthday and rather than buying a commercial cake to celebrate we thought homemade cakes will be so much better (as shown by the cake makers at the successful Macmillan coffee morning). So any keen cake makers willing to bake we'd appreciate your contributions.

Laila

6. ENJOY MAD SHARP (4,3,6)

7. UNREADY CABS (6,5)

Seasons Greetings

Good morning everyone. Well the day has arrived - and after much planning and preparation the fun starts here. This morning is about everyone joining in - having fun - celebrating being part of the Woodside U3A family. Some of you know more than others, some of you will do more than others but everyone will do something!!!

On your table there is a drinks list request for you to complete, which will then be collected by Anne M and Anne H team of refreshments volunteers. Big thank you to them for their very important contribution to the morning.

Laila opens proceedings with her last - but brief - Christmas business meeting, followed by our own quiz queen Sue Brown presenting the Quiz Group's Christmas quiz. Thank you to her and the quiz group for their hard work and joint contributions, this is the third year Sue has presented this fun event, and I know it's being looked forward to with much anticipation. Whilst you are all 'remembering' those elusive answers and celebrating the winning team - how many of us will be going 'oh yes' or 'I'd forgotten that' - our refreshments team of volunteers will be bringing tasty goodies and drinks to your table. This will be a thirty minute break; at the

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beginning a free raffle will take place - thank you Bernice for undertaking this task - and towards the end preparations for the next event will start to be put into place. Tables will be cleared and boxes will be brought to your tables by the Singing group - aka Ady and his Shedettes. These boxes will be wrapped and you will be given instructions as to what to do with them. Oh yes you will!!!!!! Martin will once again be videoing the event so a big thank you to him. Anyone who doesn't want to 'appear' on camera could perhaps ensure they are seated with their back to him, this way you can join in the fun without any worry.

During the morning you may notice we have 'special sparkly' visitors lurking around- they have come to offer support and to sprinkle noodles and oodles of fun and goodwill throughout the morning. So a big thank you them - Babs, Linz and Glo. These fantastic ladies will assist and advise what to do when you open your box. What I ask is that what comes out of the box gets put back in at the end please.

There are several items in each box that are for your use when it's your turn!!!! We have tried very hard to ensure that everyone has something to do - shake, rattle,

hold up, put on - you will be given a few minutes to peruse the contents and decide amongst yourselves who does what. It's all a bit of fun and we hope everyone will join in.

A great big humongous thank you to so many people - to Sue B for starting off our morning with the Quiz group's fun challenge of our Christmas knowledge, and to both Anne's and the refreshments volunteers for looking after us so well. To everyone in the Craft and Sewing groups, and several charity shops, for their amazing contributions - producing a huge number of items that have been created especially for today, the ingenuity and skills amongst them has been truly awesome. To Ady and his Shedettes who have put up with my constant changing of the running order but are still here today providing the musical aspect - I think you will see - or should that be hear - they are indeed a multitalented group!!!! And thank you for contributions from individuals who have searched for, provided, donated or made various items that are all part of the Woodside U3A event today. I must also mention J & P who will be about to discover their specially made outfits and be available as required to give any specific adjustments etc - they know who they are and a big thank you to my mystery creator

Barbara, for their outfits. Special thanks to some individuals who have certainly gone above and beyond to support this morning's adventure from the very beginning, contributing to the planning and direction of the morning - and the arduous printing task!!! - they know who they are, one in particular who has been stalwart in this journey with me and taught me the value of true friendship. This morning is indeed the sum of its parts - the whole being you all participating in, and enjoying the results.

As I've said a great number of people have contributed to the planning and creating of this morning's various events - they have laughed and enjoyed seeing what's been achieved. However not one person has seen everything, as we hope that as the morning progresses and events unfold it will mean surprises and laughter for everyone. Be prepared for some magical moments, so much effort, care, love and most of all laughter, has gone into them that it's going to be difficult to avoid being enthralled by what's to come!!!! Please join in, share the fun-remember Live, Laugh and Learn. Happy Christmas, Seasons Greetings, Happy New Year. Love to all, Val xx

Panto Song

Sang to the tune "The Twelve Days of Christmas"

On the first day of Panto
my friend took me to see
Cinders and her Quirky
Family.

On the second day of
Panto my friend took me
to see Two Sweet Filled
Children.

On the third day of
Panto my friend took me
to see Three Naughty
Bears.

On the fourth day of
Panto my friend took me
to see Four Lamps for
Genies

On the fifth day of
Panto my friend took me
to see Five Bow Bells

On the sixth day of
Panto my friend took me

to see Six Tin Men

Rattling

On the seventh day of
Panto my friend took me
to see Seven Dwarfs a
Working

On the eighth day of
Panto my friend took me
to see Eight Wolves a
Hunting

On the ninth day of
Panto my friend took me
to see Nine Beans for
Planting.

On the tenth day of
Panto my friend took me
to see Ten Teacups
Tinkling

On the eleventh day of
Panto my friend took me
to see Eleven Wooden
Puppets

On the twelfth day of
Panto my friend took me
to see Twelve Merry
Men.

November General Meeting

Our November speaker was Geoff Hales from Cambridge. Geoff is an actor and raconteur; he gave us a talk called 'Christmas Readings'.



*Geoff
reciting
poems
and
stories
relating
to the
festive
period*

He performed poems and quotations in voices appropriate to the character he was playing. The authors and poets he read from ranged from Dickens, John Betjeman, Kipling and TS Elliot - covering Christmas subjects from happiness, tragedy, silliness and sorrow. This is one short poem by Harry Graham (1874-1936) that he read:

*Little Willie
Brand new skates
Hole in ice
Pearly Gates!*

8. GAP PAWN RIPPER(8,5)

Interest Group News

Our Drama Group is starting on the 14th January, Please see the Interest Group page for full details of where and time.

Unfortunately, the Jewellery Group is being suspended for the time being, but hopefully it will start again early in the New Year.

As advised last month, after our January general meeting an Interest Group meeting will be held and I ask that either the contact for the group, or one of its members, attend this meeting. I would be grateful if you could advise me who will be attending to represent your group by the 10th January. A light lunch will be provided.

Bernice Caffrey
SGC

Please note we have been advised by U3A HQ that the terms 'study group' and 'study group leaders' have been replaced with 'interest group' and 'group contact'.

*9. I'M A POET MADMAN(9,4)
10. SMART HERETICS(9,4)
11. OFF THE SANE PEST(5,2,7)
12. IN ACTION SLASH(5,8)*

WOODSIDE

Interest Groups

December 2019

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.

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.

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Creative Writing: Contact Mary Miller on 07887 991892. Meeting 3rd Tues of the month at 2.30pm until 4.00pm

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

Drama: Contact Barbara Elman at barbaraelman@hotmail.com. Group meets twice a month on a Tuesday between 11-12 noon at Asda Community Suite. Meetings start 14th January 2020.

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

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

*Jewellery group cancelled until the New Year
Gloria Barber 01923 462462*

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.
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

Scrabble. Contact Christine Hunt on 01923
573236. Meeting the 1st Thursday of the month
between 2pm and 4pm. Venus member's home.

Sewing: Contact Tina Photi on 07427866825.
Meeting 1st Wednesday of the month
10-00 and 12.00 at Tina's ho

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 Fridays

Interest Group News

Spanish Group

Our Spanish Group met and enjoyed a lovely Xmas lunch at Watford College on 22 November. Barbara is our excellent teacher whilst Carol (S) does a marvellous job as our Group contact and co-ordinator - keeping us all in check !



We may not be fluent in speaking Spanish but we all have a great time in trying to get there .

Sue Brown

Photography group

At the U3A meeting on 19 November, the Photography group made a display of their 'Wildlife Challenge'.



Ken and Pam arranging the photos

This was a collection of 12 photographs depicting a wide range of wildlife including birds, horses, dogs, insects, fish, lizards and apes. The U3A members were asked to vote for their favourite photo and a great many votes were received.



I am pleased to congratulate Jan Taylor who took the winning photo of two bees. This photograph will now be the front photo for our 2020 calendar.



*Jan's
Winning
photo*

Our next activity in December will be a visit to a wildlife photographic gallery in Amersham where we will have a talk by the owner on his wildlife photographic expeditions worldwide.

Ken Jones

Coach trip to Bury St Edmunds

This years Christmas Market trip was to Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk. We had a good journey and I did the raffle on the way up as it would have been dark coming home and not so easy to do. We arrived at 11.45 in time as the market opened at 12 noon. Everybody then went their separate ways to do there 'own thing'. There were plenty of stalls in the area of the cathedral, the town square, and the shopping centre selling a variety of Christmas goods. There seemed to be plenty of mulled wine on tap too!!



For those who wanted a little break there were shoppers carols being performed in the cathedral at 2.30. Fortunately the weather stayed dry but cloudy with a cold wind. We departed just after 5, During the journey home Barbara Ellman entered the spirit of things by leading us into singing a few Christmas Carols and songs, which I think everyone enjoyed. We arrived back at the Brow around 7.15.

Martin Rodel



Inside the cathedral was full of colour and warmth away from the wintery weather outside

and here is some of the history Bury St Edmunds , commonly know as Bury , like most ancient settlements has a long and varied history stretching back according to recent archaeological digs to the Bronze and Roman period. Geographically Bury lies inland from coastal Suffolk on the western borders, and forms part of East Anglia. The town was originally known as Beodericsworth, named after Beodric who owned a mansion on the site that formed part of the royal borough of the Saxons. Sigebert, king of East Anglia, founded a monastery in about 633, which in 903 became the resting place of the martyred King Edmund, who was slain, by the Viking's. A shrine to Edmund was established. By 925, Pilgrims flocked to the town infused with the belief that miracles were

performed around the shrine. As notoriety grew so the town changed its name to St. Edmunds Bury.

Magna Carta, is said to have been somewhat orchestrated from here in 1214, evidence by documents on display during the town's 2014 celebrations of the 800th Anniversary of the Magna Carta Trust. Burns involvement is an intriguing story.

In 1235 Henry 3rd granted the Abbot two annual fairs, one of which survives today, that of the winter festival which brings thousands of visitors to the town over a 4 day period.

During the 15th century the town became a flourishing centre for cloth making and the wool trade.

During this period shamefully the town was the centre of witch trials, often facilitated by the nation's self appointed Witchfinder General one Matthew Hopkins. On one day alone 16 women and 2 men were murdered by fear and superstition in Bury.

Puritan sentiment increased among the population during the 17th century which led to what is described as the 'great migration' which saw many families from East Anglia become immigrants to the New World, Massachusetts.

Throughout the middle ages Bury continued to be a site of royal intrigue, religious struggles, battles

as well as riots, revolution and expulsions of minority religious groups.

Skipping a few centuries the latter part of Twentieth century brought notable changes with the refurbishment of the Theatre Royal, under the directorship of the actor George Baker, of inspector Wexford fame. Bob Hoskins was also born here, as was Stephen Fry's maternal grandfather. A whole raft of films, TV series and plays have had connections to Bury and of course the Green King Brewery remains central to the town.

There is so much more history that surrounds this vibrant and welcoming place with hundreds of visitors, much like the ancient pilgrims of the past, but for different reasons. Too much to write about here. For those who want to discover more just tap Bury St Edmunds into any search engine and up comes a wealth of further facts and information. Our recent successful U3A visit here to the superb Christmas Market Festival sparked my interest to learn more about this ancient Suffolk stronghold of both Saxon and Danes. I was not disappointed. Take a look, it's worth learning more about the places we visit.

Laila

Trip to see Kinky Boots

A full bus of Woodside Social Group members took a ride to Milton Keynes to see the musical Kinky Boots. There was time before the start of the show for refreshments before making our way to our seats. The pace of the musical, song and dance, was fast and uplifting. The main character was trying to keep his shoe factory going; a difficult task. He was rescued after a chance meeting with a drag queen who required kinky boots for his performances.



The social group in front of a giant pair of kinky boots.

A new range of kinky boots for drag queens ensued and they were taken to the Milan Fashion show. The new range of boots was successful and the factory remained open. A very enjoyable afternoon. Thank you Joan for arranging the trip.

13. VICARS THEMES(9,3)

14. HONESTY WARMS

FONT(6,3,7)



Jim Lowther trying the boots on - looks a good fit!

Ady and his Shedettes have recently been busy as part of Ruth's 100th birthday celebrations; entertaining family, friends, service users and Mayor of Watford at Victoria House.



Ady with guitar plays and sings for Ruth

They were then asked to join other activities put on especially that day and for a lovely lunch.



Ady's Shedettes

Great fun time had by all

On 6 November 12 members of the **social group** enjoyed lunch at the "Three Hammers" before going on to Hollywood Bowl. Every one enjoyed themselves with much to learn about bowling. Joan

Christmas reading

Libby from the Book group recommends reading 'Skipping Christmas' by John Grisham - a departure from his usual crime fiction. Libby says 'this is very funny especially if Christmas is becoming a drag'.

A few **Shedettes** went to the Pump House to support Ady in the finals of the Folk singing competition. Ady wrote and performed his song, sadly not the winning one but certainly thought provoking about looking after our feathered friends, who in return give us so much pleasure.



Ady at The Pump House

15. *TINY PAY VITAL (8,4)*
16. *ROBUST SPURLESS (7,7)*
17. *STREAKY ROUT (5,6)*

18. *MUDDLING PUP (4,7)*
19. *WITH FT LENGTH (7,5)*
20. *BE THE HELM (9)*

Answers in the January newsletter



SOCIAL GROUP ACTIVITIES

In the New Year all trips will have to be paid for at time of booking to secure your place. Remember to bring a cheque book or cash if you wish to join the trip.

WANTED:

NEWS&PHOTOGRAPHS

suitable for publication please send to The Webmaster, Andrew Cummings at

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The newsletter is available in full online

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

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