

WOODSIDE U3A NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 2020
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Hi Everyone,

This is the time of year to wrap up warm and stay indoors as much as possible. As I write this we came out of lockdown on 2nd December and entered a period in Tier 2. Vaccinations against corona virus are being produced and given to the most vulnerable in our community. We are hoping for changes in our lifestyle which represent the new normal. But we don't have a crystal ball, so u3a has ground to a halt on the interest group front. Zoom call meetings have continued though. Our monthly Committee meetings and Monthly General Meetings continue. Additionally members of the Committee have virtually attended Area Meetings - Herts. Network of u3as, East of England and an EGM for the National Office. This was to amend the constitution to allow for voting and decision making on Zoom calls.

This month, our General Meeting takes place on Tuesday 15 December. There will be a plethora of talent from Woodside u3a performing in The Woodside Virtual Christmas Show - it's not to be missed.

Seasons Greetings to you all and the Committee and I wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year. May 2021 bring us all a better year where we can rebuild Woodside u3a to full strength again.

Barbara Elman
Chair

Woodside u3a Christmas Bonanza

Happy Christmas!

You are all invited to Woodside u3a Christmas Bonanza which will take place via zoom on Tuesday December 15th at 10.00am.

There will be a variety of entertainment all for your pleasure. Wear your Christmas attire; jumpers, antlers, Santa hats, earrings etc and please make sure you have a pen and paper handy as there will be a quiz.

The entertainment will be in two halves and so you will be asked to log into the meeting again for the second half. You will be able to do this by simply clicking on the link in my email for a second time.

We are so looking forward to seeing you all there.

To join in the Christmas Bonanza, simply click on the link in my email.

Anyone who has difficulty joining through the link can join the meeting by opening Zoom and then entering

the following meeting ID 795 6946 6032

password KkJ3Nf

it is case sensitive so be careful.

Stay safe

Lesley

See below for some Christmas songs for the Christmas Bonanza

Hi all, I'd like to say a very big thank you to all our members who have continued to support our newsletter - without you we would not have been able to keep in touch. I really do appreciate your support.

Many thanks

Jo (newsletter editor)

Hello everyone. I hope you are all doing as well as can be expected after this tumultuous year of challenge. As you know my tenure of office as your Chair person came to an end this past June. On the occasion of my stepping down the Committee, on your behalf, presented me with a gardening gift voucher. After much deliberation I am planning to purchase a garden clock inclusive of a temperature gauge, similar to the one illustrated. Thank you for your generosity. I wish you all a safe, peaceful Christmas and New Year, while looking forward to the regeneration of our u3a sometime during the coming months.

Laila



November General Meeting via Zoom

Our treasurer, Ken Appel, gave an interesting talk entitled 'Leavesden Hospital' (Leavesden Hospital was originally called The Imbeciles Asylum) at our November General Meeting.

The hospital was required as all the asylums in London were full and needed to expand into the countryside.

The building work started in 1861 on a 76 acre site costing £7600 with an additional £145,000 spent on building, materials and fittings. The building in Asylum Road (now College Road) accommodated 860 females and 700 males. Of these patients 65 were employed on the adjacent farmland producing food for the hospital kitchens.

Living conditions were quite basic until 1929 when improvements were made, including mains electricity. The number of staff and patients was 3,000+ and was a major employer in the area.



BATHROOM

In 1932 the hospital expanded by taking over the buildings of a former school opposite the hospital. Renamed Abbots Langley Hospital it played an important role during World War two caring for the services casualties.



CENTRAL ADMIN BLOCK & CHURCH

Health minister Enoch Powell decided patients would lead better lives outside in the community (1965).



MALE WARD & ATTENDANTS

In 1974 it had 191 beds for geriatric patients. Both hospitals closed in 1995 and the land developed for housing and country parks.

I attended Ophthalmic Ocular problems of both patients and staff, including the Medical Superintendent at the time Dr Hewlitt from 1948 to 1952, when a more demanding appointment in London forced

me to have the patients from Leavesden to be brought to my Practise in Watford.

Ken Appel

From the Quiz Group

"A Very Merry Christmas to you all from Sue at the Quiz Group. There is no December Newsletter Quiz as I want you all to have your little grey cells in their best working order for the online Christmas Quiz - scheduled for the Xmas Monthly Zoom meeting on Tuesday 15th December - as part of the online entertainment programme. Please have a pencil and paper handy - for a short easy quiz - all about Christmas. "

Until then - here are the answers to the Sit Com Characters November Quiz.

1. Daisy, Rose and Onslow Keeping up appearances
2. Richard De Vere and Marjory Frobisher To the Manor Born
3. Nurse Gladys Emmanuel & Arkwright Open All hours
4. Joey, Jack and Aveline Bread
5. PC Reg Deadman & Gary Sparrow Goodnight Sweetheart
6. David Pearce & Linda Cochran Duty Free
7. Sgt Maj Snudge & Corporal Springer The Army Game
8. Vincent Pinner & Penny Warrender Just Good Friends
9. Lukewarm, Godber & Officer Mackay Porridge
10. Bernard Hedges, Norman Potter & Eric Duffy Please Sir
11. Compo, Clegg & Foggy Last of the Summer Wine
12. Dougal, Mrs Doyle & Bishop Brennan Father Ted.

Winter Wonderland Lyrics

Sleigh bells ring, are you listening,
In the lane, snow is glistening
A beautiful sight,
We're happy tonight,
Walking in a winter wonderland.

Gone away is the bluebird,
Here to stay is a new bird
He sings a love song,
As we go along,
Walking in a winter wonderland.

In the meadow we can build a snowman,
Then pretend that he is Parson Brown
He'll say: Are you married?
We'll say: No man,
But you can do the job
When you're in town.

Later on, we'll conspire,
As we dream by the fire
To face unafraid,
The plans that we've made,
Walking in a winter wonderland.

In the meadow we can build a snowman,
And pretend that he's a circus clown
We'll have lots of fun with mister snowman,
Until the other kids knock him down.

When it snows, ain't it thrilling,
Though your nose gets a chilling
We'll frolic and play, the Eskimo way,
Walking in a winter wonderland.
Walking in a winter wonderland,
Walking in a winter wonderland.

We Wish You a Merry Christmas Lyrics

We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy New Year.
Glad tidings we bring
To you and your kin;
Glad tidings for Christmas
And a happy New Year!

We want some figgy pudding
We want some figgy pudding
We want some figgy pudding
Please bring it right here!
Glad tidings we bring
To you and your kin;
Glad tidings for Christmas
And a happy New Year!

We won't go until we get some
We won't go until we get some
We won't go until we get some
So bring it out here!
Glad tidings we bring
To you and your kin;
Glad tidings for Christmas
And a happy New Year!

We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a happy New Year.
Glad tidings we bring
To you and your kin;
Glad tidings for Christmas
And a happy New Year!

"Twas the night before Christmas

"Twas the night before Christmas and all down my street, people were standing, apart by six feet! No one was sure who they were standing next to, long hair and a mask means only their eyes are on view!!

Boris allowed us to see family and friends, so long as we promised not to stand end to end! To remember our mantra 'Hands, Face and Space', to avoid all our efforts becoming a waste!

We'd all learnt a new concept to cope with our fears, stay home, work at home, fit in with the tiers!

Key workers were praised as they kept us all safe, and we gritted our teeth at those invading our space!!!

'Next slide please, are the words we all feared,
As they bamboozled our brains and brought us to tears
Hancock and Whitty, Sir Patrick and Jenny,
Gave out the numbers, and R ratings aplenty
The sadness and worry of workplaces empty.

First wave, second wave, the two metre rule, only allowed out for food or a stroll.

The Thursday night clapping, Dear Captain Tom strolling, different ways to show NHS support by us all.

Key-worker heroes were the hidden brigades, teachers, and drivers and givers of aid. Dolly Parton, Marcus Rashford, Martin Lewis - to name but a few, all became heroes for what they did too!

Shortages of loo rolls, pasta and flour, all served to impact on our darkest of hours. But Joe Wicks appeared to lighten the load, on our spirits and bones, and to shift those fat stones!!

Brexit was out there - not that you'd know, changes were happening but nothing to show. The EU continued their challenge of whatever was said, oh please get this sorted and put it to bed!!!

Oh look in the sky, look at that sleigh
It means that Santa is now on his way
Let's hope that he's sourced some anti bac spray, he's sure gonna need it or no
kids will enjoy THE day.

Rudolf - he seems to have missed the 'rule of six' briefing- but thankfully
followed the two metre spacing. His eyesight is perfect -no need to check it
out, health and safety is foremost, of that there's no doubt!

High on his list - for most of the world, is a vaccine that helps us recover from
this.

We've all had enough of Covid distress, of hand gel and lockdown to protect the
NHS.

But colourful rainbows and staying in tier
Will hopefully bring a better new year
So wishing you well, practice 'hands, face and space'
And soon we can meet - yes - I mean face to face!!!!
Val

Wishing you all a fabulous Christmas whatever it may look like this year-I've no
doubt for many of us it will be very different - but let's stay safe and sane,
living as best we can, laughing as much as we can and learning to adapt to new
norms and experiences.

Val May

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