

WOODSIDE U3A NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2020
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Hi Everyone,

It was so good to see members at our virtual AGM via Zoom on Tuesday 20 October. I was voted in as Chair and am looking forward to my three year term ahead. For me it is a privilege to steer the group into better times once this pandemic has subsided. I am sure that Woodside u3a will return to its' strong standing. I do hope we will not be running an online group for too much longer but the chances are, with the Covid restrictions, it could be a few months before we have face to face meetings again. In the meantime we carry on with our great British fighting spirit, undaunted and meeting the challenges we face. We didn't realise our strength of character did we. I have 2 sons and 1 grandson. My son, daughter-in-law and grandson live in the USA. Who knows when I'll see them next. At least we have video calls. Many of you must be in the same situation - unable to meet up with family. Well, perhaps we should think of Woodside u3a as our extended family. Reach out to friends who are members. Suggest they log in to our monthly general meetings. Alternatively we are still producing our monthly newsletter and our new Facebook page is slowly growing.

Ken Appel and I logged in to the Herts Network of u3a's AGM a few days after our own AGM. They elected a new committee chaired by Stephen Hawkins of Welwyn Hatfield u3a. Fortyfour people participated. Barbara Cordina, the outgoing Chair is taking on the role of Eastern Regional Trustee (succeeding Jeff Carter). The region comprises 141 u3a groups.

Hallowe'en has now passed, and Guy Fawkes Night too. I predict people will be putting up their Christmas decorations very early - a good way to cheer up your home, your street and indeed your neighbours.

Remembrance Day took place in November and this day was certainly respectfully remembered.

My wish to you is that you stay well and look out for each other - we all need support - by telephone or online. Let's forge ahead and stay strong.

Barbara Elman, Chair

November General meeting

We have an interesting couple of months ahead between now and the end of the year. The committee have decided not to invite paid guest speakers until we have face to face meetings. However our Treasurer, **Ken Appel**, has very kindly agreed to speak to us on **The History of Leavesden Mental Hospital** at our November Zoom Meeting on **Tuesday 18 November**. Then in December we have a Christmas treat in store for you. Val May and Sue Brown have arranged a Christmas variety show live on the Zoom call on **Tuesday 15 December**. We encourage you to decorate your homes and dress up in Christmas clothes and accessories when you log in to the Zoom call. You won't want to miss it. (See below for further details)

Minutes of the 4th Annual General Meeting of Woodside u3a held on Zoom on Tuesday 20th October 2020

1. The AGM of the Woodside u3a was opened at 10am by Barbara Elman who has been Acting Chair for 4 months. There were 26 members present on Zoom which was less than the Quorum but in the current circumstances the meeting agreed to proceed.

The minutes of the 2019 AGM, the Chair's Annual Report and the 2019/2020 accounts had all been circulated with the Agenda and were in the October newsletter, available through the website.

2. Barbara referred to the minutes of the last AGM and signed them as a true record.

3. Barbara read the final Chair/Trustee Report of the retiring Chair, Laila Namdarkhan.

Laila's report was proposed by Sue Brown

Seconded by Ken Jones

The report was accepted.

4. Treasurer's Report by Ken Appel.

There were no questions on the 2019/20 Accounts

The report was proposed by Ken Emmons

Seconded by Lesley Cummings and was agreed.

5. Election of the 2020 Committee (details correct as at date of agm)

The following **Committee Nominations** had been proposed by Roland Bedford and seconded by Andrew Cummings as required by the constitution and received prior to the meeting.

Chair - Barbara Elman

Vice Chairs - Linda Williams and Bernice Caffrey

Treasurer - Ken Appel

Committee member and Membership Secretary - Lesley Cummings

Committee members - Heather Lace - Safeguarding and Equality, Anita Gullis, Alison Theobald.

No other nominees were received and these members were elected unanimously by a show of hands. Val May sent in a vote by proxy.

Ken Emmons and Sheila Ramsamy will be co-opted to continue as full Committee members at the first meeting of the Committee.

It was noted that Roland Bedford and Jo Bromwich will also attend committee meetings.

6. Appointment of the Auditor:

Glen Price had resigned as Auditor and Ken Emmons was proposed

Proposed by Carol Jones

Seconded by Bernice Caffrey

Ken was elected as Auditor

The Business of the AGM was concluded.

There was a short break for coffee and a chat.

7. AOB

At the November u3a monthly meeting Ken Appel will be the Speaker. The subject will be the History of Leavesden Hospital.

The December meeting will include a live Variety Show (on Zoom) organised by Sue Brown and Val May.

Pam Cotton would like anyone who is on Facebook to send in photos of their group activities. She said it is a good way to interconnect.

Several subject groups are up and running. Those include the American History Group run by Stuart Lewis.

Also meeting are the Singing Group (on Zoom), Bowls, Badminton, Table Tennis, Art Group, Weekenders, Gardening and Spanish 1.

Heather Lace advised that Risk Assessments must be completed for all groups meeting indoors or outdoors.

Barbara discussed with Martin Rodell ways of returning cash to members who have paid him for cancelled trips.

Barbara concluded the meeting at 10.50am.

Covid-19 rules update

Following the AGM on Tuesday morning, I have been asked to convey some information to those groups who are meeting face to face.

A number of groups are meeting at venues and it is important to stay safe by making the venue aware of group by using the Track and Trace system. The group leader, or a nominated member, should log into Track and Trace and record all those attending the group. This should be kept, including the date of the meeting and members telephone numbers. Should Track and Trace subsequently contact the group leader, or nominated member, then it is up to them to contact all the appropriate members and advise them to isolate. Each member should then contact people with whom they have been in close contact.

In view of this, an additional section should be added to the Risk Assessment Form asking members to confirm they are agreeable to this and also confirming they are prepared to isolate for 14 days if necessary.

Bernice, Interest Group Co-ordinator

Note for Interest Group Leaders

Following the recent renewal of membership, and once the current lockdown is over, would the Leaders of those groups that are functioning please ensure the members of their groups have renewed their membership.

Some of the members who have not renewed do not have internet/email access and, although we have made every effort to contact them, this may be the reason for them not renewing.

Bernice Caffrey

Interest Group Coordinator

Quiz time

Here are the October quiz answers

Here we go - answers to the Chocolate Quiz

1. High Class thoroughfareQuality Street
2. Pub PinsSkittles
3. Dark OccultBlack Magic
4. Mothers localMars Bar
5. Clever FolkSmarties
6. Various black itemsLiquorice Allsorts
7. Sport for PrincesPolo
8. Good children get theseTreats
9. Feline equipmentKit Kat
10. Garden FlowersRoses
11. Assorted GirlsDolly Mixtures
12. Dairy HolderMilk Tray
13. Arrange marriage partners Matchmakers
14. Edible FastenersButtons
15. Wobbly InfantsJelly Babies
16. Talk quietly.....Whisper
17. Big BusDouble Decker
18. Gem OrchardOpal Fruits

SIT-COM Characters - can you identify these classic UK sit-coms from the characters listed

1. Daisy, Rose and Onslow
2. Richard De Vere and Marjory Frobisher
3. Nurse Gladys Emmanuel and Arkwright
4. Joey, Jack and Aveline
5. PC Reg Deadman and Gary Sparrow.....
6. David Pearce and Linda Cochran
7. Sgt Maj Snudge and Corporal Springer
8. Vincent Pinner and Penny Warrener

9. Lukewarm , Godber and Officer Mackay
- 10 . Bernard Hedges, Norman Potter and Eric Duffy
11. Compo, Clegg and Foggy
12. Douglas, Mrs Doyle and Bishop Brennan

Answers in December - Good luck - Sue for the Quiz Group

Hi everyone hope you are all staying well and enduring this current lockdown with patience!!!

Thankfully a few willing volunteers have once again put themselves forward to provide some light relief for the annual Christmas entertainment- albeit virtual. Sue Brown and I, together with our newly appointed Chair, Barbara, have created a programme for your delight. Of course we can't share what's coming - spoil the surprise!!! What I can tell you is that you will need a comfortable seat, pen and paper to hand, then log into Zoom and enjoy. If you would like to wear something festive, have some snacks and a drink - I'm sure you will have a fun time.

Details of the Zoom link will be provided nearer the time.

Val May

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