



Newsletter

July 2023

MEETING AT THE STANBOROUGH CENTRE WATFORD

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Hello everyone,

As I write this the sun is shining brightly and there is a gentle breeze - hopefully it will be the same by the time you read it!

I would like to start by thanking Barbara for her three years as Chair of Woodside u3a. I am sure we all appreciate her hard work and unfailing cheerfulness throughout this time, and for organising the move to our new meeting venue, which has proved so successful. We also wish her well for the future, and her upcoming wedding to Michael in the Summer.

I joined Woodside u3a when it first started, which coincided with my retirement from full time employment, and joined the committee a few years later. I am a member of several interest groups, and coordinate the French group, where we aim to improve our language skills, set the world to rights (in both French and English) and have had two very enjoyable trips to France. We have had a considerable number of new members in the last few months. Feedback from them has been very positive about the welcome they have received, but if any new members have any suggestions about how this could be improved, please let me know.

I hope everyone has a great Summer.

Heather

Agenda for our July general meeting: Doors open 9.30am, notices 10.00am, refreshments and huddles 10.15am, depart 12 noon.

Today's Speaker:-Hearing Dogs For Deaf People by Liz Arendt and Rufus The Dog

Drama Group Entertainment

Instead of a speaker this month we were entertained by our own drama group which is a joint group with SW Herts U3A and led by Carol Stanton.

Some of the sketches were written by the members, beginning with a comical one set in a dubious restaurant where it all ended in tears.

Another sketch, set on a bus on which the driver died was also extremely funny as the passengers were awful and included the driver's poisoner!

This fun morning advanced at pace with a "Mirror Mirror" sketch, poems by Pam Ayers, and other poems looking in an upbeat way at the trials of advancing age and wistful remembrances of youth.

The group finished by encouraging us all to join in a rendition of "Always Look On The Bright Side Of Life".

It was lovely to share with the group their obvious love of drama and to show our appreciation of all the hard but enjoyable work they put in. *Louise*



Canasta Breakaway

For five days towards the end of May, four of us from our Woodside u3a joined seventeen other members from Watford and District and Watford Park u3a's for an unofficial 'Canasta Breakaway' in Eastbourne. *Ken Cotton*



A Short Rest At The Beachy Head RAF Monument

Find These Hidden Woodside u3a Interest Groups

Woodside u3a Word Search

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Glen's Quiz

- 1 Charlie Chaplin died in 1977 but on which Day?
- 2 Which City did the 'Flower Pot Men' want to go to?
- 3 How many gold medals did Sir Chris Hoy win?
- 4 What is the currency of Denmark?
- 5 Margo and Jerry Leadbetter appeared in which TV series?

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Martin's Coach Trips

Wednesday 12 July

Eastbourne

Depart Stanborough 8.45am &
Greenwood Drive Bus Stop North

Orbital Road 8.50am approx

Arrive back approx 7pm Approx.

Cost £17.50





The Christmas Market I will know later on in the year where this will be and the date.

Please be aware that as a condition of travel I must have passengers Mobile Phone Numbers in case of people falling ill, accidents or getting lost! My Mobile Number is printed on the Ticket so don't forget the ticket!

Cheques made payable to Woodside u3a please

Martin

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Alexa Joke
Q. How many ears does Captain Kirk have?
A. Three....Right Ear, Left Ear And Front Ear !

'Picnic In The Park'
As There Is No General Meeting In August We Will Be Enjoying A Picnic In Leavesden Country Park Opposite The Cafe Under The Trees from 2-4pm
Monday August 28th 2023
Don't Forget To Bring Your Chair!

Glen's Quiz Answers



5 The Good Life
4 Krone
3 Six
2 San Francisco
1 Christmas Day

At our July meeting we have a speaker about Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, which should be very interesting. We do not have a regular meeting in August, but will again have a Picnic in the Park at Leavesden Country Park on Monday 28th August from 2pm to 4pm. We are also having a stall at Abbots Autumn Fest on School Mead on Saturday 16th September. If anyone could volunteer to help on the stall for an hour, please speak to Ken Cotton or myself, and we will arrange a rota. *Heather*

Interest Group News

On the 3rd July the proposed Ten Pin Bowling Group met to discuss how to take the group forward, If you are interested in joining this group, please contact me. The Bus Pass Travel Group is trying to arrange a visit to Hatfield House, so once again if you are interested contact John Simpson, The aim of this group is to catch a bus near the Stanborough Centre, leaving your car at the Stanborough Centre.
Bernice

Interest Groups Contact Details

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 i 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	No trips planned at present. John Simpson is currently looking into places to visit.
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
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
Local Theatre Group	Contact: Pam Young on 07811 219936. Trips to be advised. Payments to be made at the time of putting your name down for a trip. Travel will be shared vehicles.
Lunch Group	Contact: Joyce Gray on 01923 263213 or rejoice.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 once a month at a venue to be decided, to take photographs and have a social time at a local cafe.
Play Reading For Fun	Contact: Derek Giles on 01923 270971. 4th Wednesday at Asda at 10.00am -12.30pm and again 1st Monday at Asda at 2.00pm - 4.30pm (this is a joint group with SWH)
Pub Lunch And Darts	Contact: Ken Cotton 01923 269720. Group meets at the Unicorn, Abbots Langley. Please contact Ken for day and time.
Quiz	Contact: Glen Price on 07787155461 meeting at YMCA Haines Way at 7.00pm on the third Thursday of the month.
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: (Temporarily)Barbara Elman on 07833 996358. Group meets fortnightly on Thursday at 10.00am -11.30am at Asda.
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 07941 401421 for details of next meeting. Group meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday. (This is a joint group with SWH)
Wednesday Walkers	Contact: Derryck Croker on 07941 401421 Group meets monthly on the 4th Wednesday. (This is a joint group with SWH)

YOUR COMMITTEE



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General Meeting Talks This Season

September 19th:- Miles of Isles Trevor Baker - History of Sainsbury's

October 17th:- Nick Dobson - An Illustrated Timeline Of The 1960's

November 21st :- Charles Rea- My Time As A Royal Correspondent

December:- No Speaker The Shedette's And Drama Group Performing Plus A Quiz

Refreshment Rota

July - Social Group and Table Tennis

September - Weekenders and Walking

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AND FOR THE NEWSLETTER

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bring your own mug to our monthly general
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and will save using paper cups.

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Next General Meeting

Tuesday 19th September 2023