

Woodside



Newsletter

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MEETING AT THE STANBOROUGH CENTRE WATFORD

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Music Month

Hello everyone

Well, it is definitely **Autumn** - the days are getting shorter and the clocks 'fall' back soon. In a recent u3a French session we tried to describe (in French) what we liked about Autumn, but in fact most of us could find very little we appreciated! I did then research Autumn - and why Americans call it 'Fall'. In fact, 'Fall' was a common term in England up to the 17th Century- derived from the phrase 'fall of the leaf'. Many Britons emigrated and took the term with them, and it wasn't until the 18th Century that Autumn (from the French Automne) became common English usage.

Interestingly, Autumn-born babies tend to live longer - it is unclear why, although possibly because they develop a greater immunity to colds and flu. A recent study has also shown that the number of fatal heart attacks drops by an average of 20% after the Autumn time shift - suggesting an extra hour in bed is good for us! Autumn is also the season of love - on Facebook more people update their status from 'single' to 'in a relationship' than at any other time of year. *Heather*

Today's Speaker:- 'Music Of Our Time' by Time Alan Duffy.

To help the environment please remember to bring your own drinking vessel.

Speakers Report

Kate Macnish gave us a fascinating talk about her interest in bee keeping, with the help of **Chris Bromwich**. **Apis Mellifera** is the actual correct term for our precious European honey bee. **Apis** - bee, **Mellifera** - honeybearing. The word melissa is greek for honeybee so it appeared that we had at least two *Melissas* in our audience today. Many terms come from the important job of bee keeper such as to 'eke' out something. 'Eke out' to a beekeeper is to stretch the hive and remove some bees. 'A hive of industry' is another one as is 'beehive hairdos'. That's put a memory into your mind I bet. A bee keepers job is so important that most villages would have had their own beekeeper and during WW2 many were excused from national service.

A hive is made up of one queen, 500-1,000 male drones then 50,000-90,000 female workers who keep the queen and the hive cleaned and collect the pollen and nectar. When they return they do a waggle dance to tell others where to go to collect the pollen. They have two tummies and they will forage until their little honey tummies are full. The colour of the honey that is produced depends on the type of flowers that the workers collect. The queen will lay up to 2,000 eggs every day, ouch! which is her own body weight. Now I'll stop 'droning on' and let you get on with reading the rest of the Newsletter:)

Pam Cotton (Standing In For Louise)

Sunrise or Sunset Photo Group Competition

During August our Photographic Group held a competition to take their best Sunrise or Sunset photograph. August had number of sunny days which enabled us to take plenty of photos and we received 13 stunning photos. **Congratulations this time to Sue Hickson for being a first time winner** with her glorious sunset photo. *Ken Jones*



Sue Hickson-Winner



Ken Jones-Runner Up



*Carol Jones
Runner Up*

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Today is the last chance to book tickets for the Christmas Lunch! The Menu is available at the booking desk. The price is £31 per person for a 3 course meal. Payment is preferable by BACS please where possible.

Please fill in your preferred seating plan today!

Aldenham Golf & Country Club
Wednesday 4th December
1.00 pm Start - 'Til 5.00 pm

My Favourites

Place of Birth: Watford

Favourite Food: Christmas Dinner

Favourite Kind Of Music: Rock

Favourite TV Program: Star Trek

Favourite Holiday: New Zealand

My Hobbies: Reading, Walking & Dancing

Where Would You Like To Visit: India & China

Favourite Film: Seven Brides For Seven Sisters

My Bucket List: To See As Much Of The World As Possible

Who Would You Like To Meet (Living Or Passed Away): William Shakespeare

Who Would You Not Want To Be In A Lift With: Jimmy Saville

Louise Smith

Our Speaker Secretary



Did You Know?

In Western music from Bach to The Beatles & Beyond...
Every tune & song is all written from just 12 different notes!

WordSearch

As we are on a music theme this month, can you find these 60's & 70's Pop Groups?



THE SWEET
WISHBONE ASH
THE KINKS
THE WHO
THE BEACH BOYS
THE SMALL FACES
MANFRED MANN
THE DAKOTAS
DEEP PURPLE
CREAM
THE TORNADOES
THE HOLLIES
THE MOODY BLUES
BLACK SABBATH
THE TROGGS
TREX
THE BEATLES
FREE

Pop Quiz

- 1, Who was the singer that The Dakotas backed?
- 2, Who was the singer that The Mindbenders backed?
- 3, Who was the singer that The Dreamers backed?
- 4, Who was the singer that The Tremeloes backed?
- 5, Two singers fronted Manfred Mann. Who were they?

Answers

1, Billy J. Kramer 2, Wayne Fontana 3, Freddie Garrity 4, Brian Poole
5, Paul Jones & Mike d'Abbo

Murder Mystery Evening

Murder/Mystery Evening - The Case of the Diamonds, the Dagger and the Classy Dame

The Woodside U3A Murder/Mystery group met during the evening of August 31st 2024 to solve the mystery of The Diamonds, The Dagger and the Classy Dame which surrounded the death of the Mayor of Casablanca, in Morocco. There were, as usual, many suspects, including the former Mayor's relatives, the Occupying Forces (Morocco was under German control at the time, in 1941), a journalist (anxious to return to the USA, (but was penniless), a trader in artifacts who, having acquired various pieces of art/jewellery, which were being sold to either of the war protagonists but who was not always being paid for her endeavours, together with other family relatives and interested parties, formed the twelve suspects. Many of the participants elected to dress in costume as



befitted their character, however during the unravelling of the plot it became clear that some of the suspects were not really who they pretended to be, indeed some of the suspects were not even on the side of the war mongers to which they had declared their allegiance! Suspicions whirled between the players over supper of Fish and Chips, with dessert. Following our meal, and

further investigation the suspects had to determine who they thought committed the crime, which nobody actually guessed correctly. Our thanks to all who participated in the event, especially those

who hosted the evening in their home and to those who provided the desserts. We are considering starting a second Murder/Mystery group, if you are interested to learn more, then please contact **John Simpson** - email: indiabound81@outlook.com.

Christmas Canal Boat Trip

by John Simpson

On Monday December 16th 2024 I will be arranging a trip on the canal with the same company with whom we travelled earlier this year for a Christmas themed canal boat trip. We will leave Nash Mills at 11.00a.m. and return back at the wharf at 3.00p.m. The vessel has heating, a compact kitchen (in which hot and cold drinks can be made as well as soft drinks) mulled wine and a mince pie will be available. The vessel will have Christmas lights in the seating area and Christmas music can be played through the music system. In addition, if you wish to steer the vessel and help with changing the locks, then those facilities will be available together with the option of Fish and Chips meal if required. The cost will be £10.00 each. If you wish to attend this event then please either see me or email me as soon as possible so that we can finalise numbers.

indiabound81@outlook.com.

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 on a Wednesday at Woodside Leisure Centre 2-3pm (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)
Canasta	Contact: Denise Branton on 07786 391534. Group meets 3rd Tuesday of the month at Asda Community Suite at 2.00pm
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
Creative Writing	Contact: Ian Woolcott on 07505 769911 (Details to be advised)
Doodle Art	Contact: Pam Cotton 07876 384026. Group meets 1st Tuesday of the month at the Royal Oak, Abbots Langley 11am. Stay for lunch and a chat.
Drama	Contact: Joyce Holton 07795 193405 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 07712 710811. Watch out for news of visits at the General Meeting.
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	Group meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 2pm. Contact: Lawrence Pearlman on 07752 367664 or email pearlyman58@gmail.com
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 rejoyce.gray@gmail.com Monthly. Days and venue vary.
Mexican Train	Contact: Bernice Caffrey on 01923 672359. Group 1 meets every 4 weeks on a Thursday at 2.00-4.00pm. Group 2 meets every 4th Monday 2.00-4.00pm
Murder/ Mystery	Contact: John Simpson on tel.no 07531 542605 - Group meets on a ad hoc basis in group members homes.
Pathfinders	Contact: Patrick Turner on 0923 263511 or 7954640263. Meets on 4th Thursday morning of the month. (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 most months at a venue to be decided, to take a photograph and have a social time at a local cafe.

Interest Groups Continued

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 Pub, Abbots Langley. Meets On 1st Tuesday Of The Month at 12.30pm
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 07958 669311. Group meets 1st & 3rd Friday of the month. 2.00-3.30pm. Contact Sue for venue.
Singing for Pleasure	Contact: Ady Shaw 01923 518021. Group meets fortnightly on Thursday at 10.00am -11.30am at Asda.
Social Outing Group	Contact: Joan jgillett43@gmail.com Mobile: 07881 768793
Table Tennis	Contact: John Simpson on 07531 542605. Group meets fortnightly at 10.00-12.00am at the YMCA Haines Way.
Ten Pin Bowling	Contact (initially) Bernice Caffrey on 01923 672359. Group meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at Hollywood Bowl at 2.00pm starting on the 11th September
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 on the 4th Wednesday of the month (This is a joint group with SWH)

**We are always looking for new interest groups
If you have any ideas then please speak to Bernice at the
general meeting**



General Meeting Talk Next Month

'Winter Tales' by Joanne Bogal.

Refreshment Rota:-
Today: .Weekenders &
Woodside Walkers

November:- Art & Badminton

WANTED: NEWS & PHOTOGRAPHS
suitable for publication please send to
The Webmaster, Andrew Cummings at
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AND FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Send to Ken Cotton, 01923 269720 or
email:- woodsideu3a22@gmail.com

Copy Date Is 1st Of The Month

**N.B. Due To Limited Space, Articles
May Need To Be Edited!**

Max 150-200 Words Please

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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 plastic
cups.



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Next General Meeting
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