

Woodside



Newsletter

April 2025

MEETING AT THE STANBOROUGH CENTRE WATFORD

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Magnolia-Flower Of The Month

Hello everyone

As a child, my memories of Easter were chocolate eggs (usually only one or two) and making coloured eggs by boiling them with onion skins etc. Whilst chocolate eggs seem more or less universal now, there are particular seasonal traditions taking place around the world. In France, for example, a giant omelette is cooked on Easter Monday, using 15,000 eggs, to feed a large crowd. In Greece people tap painted eggs against those of others, with the unbroken egg bringing good luck for a year. In Sweden, children dress up as Easter witches and go door-to-door collecting sweets. In Bermuda and other Caribbean islands kite flying is popular, apparently symbolising the resurrection. On the island of Corfu, clay pots are thrown from windows, hoping that the coming crops will fill their new pots. In Norway, Easter-crime (Paaskekrimmen) is the tradition of reading or watching crime stories and murder mysteries during the Easter holidays. In the Czech Republic, rather more controversially, men and boys roam the streets with decorated willow twigs lightly whipping girls to bring them fertility and good luck! For me personally, the Easter weekend always feels like the real start of Spring.

Enjoy the longer, brighter days!

Heather

**Today's Speaker:- Nick Cook 'Baked Alaska or Mexican Chilli'
Climate Change Explained!**

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

Speakers Report

OUR SPEAKER on 18.3.25, John Pearson, was unable to attend as he was caught in an enormous traffic jam on the M40 following a major road traffic accident. Fortunately he was not involved himself, but he did spend 70 minutes stationary on the motorway. This meant that we had to fall back on our emergency plan, which was a quiz. I know that this was disappointing to those expecting a talk about different cheeses, and were looking forward to eating cheese samples, but we had to do the best we could. It was typical that circumstances conspired against us and our standby speaker, who is a member, was not at the meeting today as she was on holiday. **A massive thank you to Glen**, who had provided me with a set of quiz questions in case just this situation arose. I do hope that, in spite of everything, everyone had an enjoyable morning.

Louise

We play at the Woodside bowling alley next to the cinema every 2nd Monday at 2pm.

For a small fee we play Two Frames. This is a very social afternoon, we are not experts so don't be afraid to come along and join in a fun afternoon. If you are interested please see **Bernice Caffrey** or **David Daniels** at the Tuesday meeting.

Or you can Email either of us at: caffreyba@gmail.com or lehdansom@aol.com. We look forward to seeing you there.

Dave

10 Pin Bowling



Local Theatre Group



On 20th February, sixteen of us set off, car sharing in four cars to Aylesbury Waterside Theatre to see Hairspray. We arrived in plenty of time so some of us had lunch at Opuz, very nearby. It was lovely to have a chat beforehand. The show was very lively and colourful with wonderful acting and dancing. We had seats with a good view; the theatre being completely full. I think we all agreed it was a very enjoyable trip. *Pam Young*

Luncheon Group

Eleven ladies and one very 'brave' man enjoying a delicious lunch at the Rose and Crown Kings Langley.

Joyce Gray



Alexa Joke

Why Did The Man Run Around His bed?
So He Could Catch Up On His Sleep!

Murder Mystery Group!

The Brie, The Bullet and The Black Cat.: The latest murder investigated by the Murder/ Mystery Group , (the Suspects), took place on the 1st March 2025, following the murder, death of 'The Black Cat' who was the foremost mime artist in France. The location of the death being Casablanca , in 1942. The suspects Hugh Le Grandbutte, (Deputy Mayor of Casablanca), Edith Le Grandbutte,(wife of the Deputy Mayor), Nicole Le Grandbutte (daughter of Hugh and Edith),Otto Von Pinklewurst (Gestapo Officer), Kirk Ransom 111(a heartbroken American), Countess Bogov (a Russian aristocrat),.



Monsieur Oily-Carte (Nightclub booking agent), Pierre Patsanski (Poet and artist)Cheri Boot (female French cabaret singer) , Ingrid Pith (Danish Art

dealer),Seamus o'Hack (Dissolute Irish journalist), and Pia Fedora(Spanish cabaret singer).There were the usual ' red herrings' in the clues which we were given to enable us to find the murderer of ' The Black

Cat'During the evening we enjoyed a Fish and Chip supper, with dessert, which helped us to determine that the murderer was in fact Cherie Boot (Jan Roberts)Our thanks to Sue and John Brown for hosting the evening and to Val May for providing the game.

John Simpson

Coach Trips

WINDSOR

MAY 22nd Thursday is now full.
Departing Stanborough at 08.45

ANGLESEY ABBEY. Cambridge.
7th Oct. Tuesday

Jacobean House. Water Mill. Garden
National Trust members free entry

Coach. £29.00. None NT members £17.00 entry.
Booking now See Joan.

Board Games

NEW GROUP!

This is a new group held monthly at Sue Brown's house. Members take it in turns to bring a different game each month and this month's game is called 'Sequence'. The game is played with cards and counters and is played in teams. Up to 12 people can play and the aim is to place 5 counters in a row. Your opponents try to block your row while at the same time trying to achieve the 'five-in-a-row' themselves. Teams are not allowed to confer and there is a forfeit of a card being confiscated for breaking that rule. **Whoever**

brings the board game also brings the biscuits while Sue provides the tea. Everyone seemed to be having fun learning the rules. *Contact Sue Brown* for further information.

Ken C. (Reporting On Group Visit)



Prime Ministers

WordSearch

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WILSON
BLAIR
CHAMBERLAIN
JOHNSON
MAJOR
EDEN
BROWN



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)
Board Games	Contact: Sue Brown 07812 840047 or email susanmaybrown@hotmail.com Starting on 4th February 10.30-12.00 pm at members houses
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: Reg Breese on 07796 446148. or email: reg2@sky.com 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)
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 an ad hoc basis in group members homes.
Pathfinders	Contact: Patrick Turner on 0923 263511 or 07954 640263. 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)

Interest Groups Continued

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.
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 Evening	Group meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month. 7pm Lawrence Pearlman on 07752 367664 or email pearlyman58@gmail.com
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 07427 866825. 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 07712 710811. 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:
 May: 'Search & Rescue' by Tim Perkins
 Works As A Volunteer Locating Missing People
 (There will be a box for donations)**

Refreshment Rota: -

**Today: Listening To Music &
 Local Theatre Group
 Next Month: Murder Mystery
 & Photography**

WANTED FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

**News & Photos
 Maximum 150-160 Words Please
 Copy Date Is 1st Of The Month
 Send to Ken Cotton, 01923 269720
 or
 email:- woodsidedeu3a22@gmail.com**

**ALSO: NEWS & PHOTOGRAPHS
 suitable for publication please send to
 The Webmaster, Andrew Cummings
 at:
webmaster@woodsidedeu3a.org.uk or
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 The newsletter is available online at
<https://u3asites.org.uk/woodsidedeu3a>**

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
 20th May 2025**