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Newsletter

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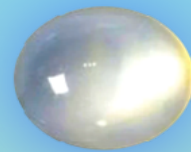
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*In Five Days Time It Will Be The Longest Day
Of The Year!*

This Months Birthstone



Moonstone

Good morning, everyone, welcome to our AGM.

It has been my pleasure to represent Woodside U3A as your Chairperson, this is my first year in the role, and I'd like to thank the committee for their support throughout the year. Also, a big thank you to all the group leaders who have given up their valuable time to make our groups very successful. It has been quite an eventful year regarding the membership as we have now over 200 members. So once again thank you all for renewing your membership and a big welcome to all our new members. We are still quite a small membership compared to other U3As in the Hertfordshire area which makes us quite unique as our monthly meetings tend to be well supported compared to the other u3as, so well done to you all and may it continue in the years ahead.

That's all from me, take care and see you all next time.

Dave

No Speaker Today:- AGM + Woodside Singers & Drama Groups
To help the environment please remember to bring your own drinking vessel.

SPEAKERS REPORT

Once again thank you to Helen George for stepping in at short notice. Her talk was on Three ladies at Trewins and other 1920s stories. Helen is a renowned local historian covering Watford from the 1900s to present day. Her work focuses on life on the Home Front and the everyday experiences of Watford residents during and after the World Wars. This talk on the Three ladies of Trewins. Edith, Florence and Rose worked in



Helen George

Trewins in different capacities during the 1920s and went on to have their own shops. The talk also included how Watford's population increased after the First World War due to people migrating out of London with the promise of more housing and job prospects. Also with the Metropolitan Line opening on the Cassiobury Park Estate giving a direct link into London. So once again Thankyou Helen for stepping in.
Dave

ARTICLES NEEDED FOR THE NEWSLETTER!

Contributions from all members are welcome, not just from Group Leaders. Just a few words about your interest group or trip accompanied by a group photo. Just 20 words up to a maximum of 150 words please. *Ken*



This Months Joke

What happened when the comedian entered 10 puns in a pun contest hoping one would win?.....No pun in 10 did!



Weekenders Group *by Marie Welsh*



Weekenders attended a production of the musical 'Priscilla Queen of the Desert' by Cassio Productions, at Watford Palace Theatre. The repartee was sharp, the dancing slick and the singing very intense at times! There was a dazzling array of costumes and many familiar songs such as 'It's Raining Men', 'Go West', 'Girls Just Wanna Have Fun' and many more favourites, which meant the Weekenders group were soon joining in like the rest of the audience, leading to the finale when everyone was on their feet acclaiming the performance as recorded in the programme 'a journey to the heart of FABULOUS!' A great afternoon of entertainment. Some members continued to dine out at Fratelli's in Watford discussing the musical and raising a glass to the local 'Cassio Productions' team.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP *by Ken Jones*

This month on Thursday 28th our Photography Group met up at the Stockwood Park Discovery Centre which is just outside Luton. We all had a great time despite the unusually hot weather which did not dampen our enthusiasm. We all took our photos and then selected our best photo to enter into our competition. The Discovery Centre has a large selection of Vauxhall cars going back to the Vauxhall Wyvern and beyond. In addition it has a statue park and walled gardens. There is also a 'Dig for Victory' garden complete with an Anderson Shelter. After all photos were taken it was all off to the centre cafe for a well earned coffee and discussions re photos. All

photos will now be uploaded to our website and members will vote anonymously for the winner which will be declared in early June. A good day out was had by all and Stockwood can be recommended for a visit. *Ken Jones*

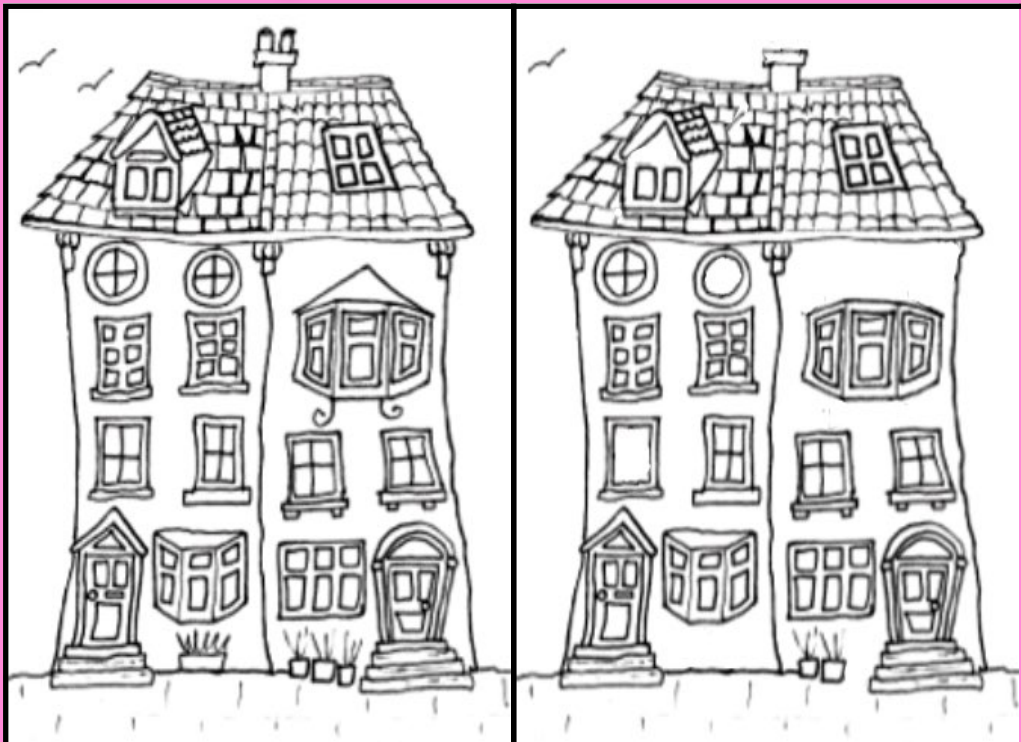


SPANISH GROUP by Sue Brown



The Spanish group enjoyed another lesson in the Royal Oak in Abbots Langley where they meet every fortnight taking it in turns to be the teacher of the lesson that week. Hoping eventually to conquer conversational Spanish!

Can You Spot These 10 Differences?



Doodle Art: by Pam Cotton

WordSearch Characters



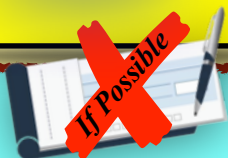
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With Over 400,000 Members!



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Account name:- Woodside U3A, Sort code 20-45-45, Account number 13245691.

Please fill in the REFERENCE. If it's a renewal then it's your membership number, if it's a trip then the reference is the name of the trip. **The reference is very important as the treasurer will know what you're paying for.**

Interest Groups Contact Details: N.B. ★ Indicates *Group Full With Waiting List*

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 February 10.30-12.00 pm at members houses
Books ★	Contact: Libby Crawford on 01923 247847. Group meet every 3rd Wednesday @ 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
Cinema Group	Contact Pam Clark 07941 661603 (Members To Suggest Films)
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	Meets 2nd Wednesday Of The Month. Contact: Libby Crawford on 01923 247847
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 07711 709039. Group meets monthly on the 1st Wednesday morning at members houses (this is a joint group with SWH).
French	Contact: Heather Lace on 07951 937064. 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.
History Group ★	Group meets 2nd Monday of the month at Asda. Contact Anne Osborne 07746 481487
Line Dancing	Contact: Judy Lovell on 01923 893368. Group meets 1st and 3rd Mondays. First session 10.15am. (Second sessions 11.15am - Currently Full) 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: Valerie 07813 733461 and Antoinette 07963 450985 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 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 the 1st Tuesday 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.
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
Quilting Club	Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month Contact: Anne Price on 07304 118768
Spanish ★	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 Brown on 07812 840047. Group meets 1st & 3rd Friday of the month. 2.00-3.30pm. Contact Sue for venue. Joint Group with Chiswell Green u3a
Singing for Pleasure	Contact: Ady Shaw 01923 518021. Group meets fortnightly on Thursday at 10.00am -11.30am at Asda.
Social Outing Group	Please Contact Bernice Caffrey : caffreyba@gmail.com
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.
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)
Yoga Group	Meeting Thursday Mornings At The Stanborough Centre. 2 Sessions 9.45am and 11am. Cost £8 (£2 if you join but can't attend) Just turn up! Joint with SW Herts

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:



'Digital Forensics': Who's Watching You?

Refreshment Rota:-

Today:

Garden Visits & History Group

Next Month:

Line Dancing & Listening To Music

WANTED FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

News & Photos

Maximum 150 Words Please

Copy Date Is 1st Of The Month

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or

email:- woodsidesu3a22@gmail.com

ALSO: NEWS & PHOTOGRAPHS

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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
July 21st 2026