

The **Family History** Group is currently taking a break and will resume in the Autumn if there is sufficient interest.



We have received a good suggestion to start up an **Opera Appreciation** group for like minded people to get together listen / watch operas and to attend a live performance on occasion. If you would like to join our new Opera Appreciation group, please contact Charles O’Ferrall via Debbie on groups@wareu3a.co.uk

MAGI (Making a Green Impact)

Water: Uses & Abuses Waste Not

If your washing machine has a setting for the amount of clothing you're washing, choose a low setting—you'll use less water and your clothes will get just as clean. Using cold water can save up to **80% of the energy required to wash clothes.**

The average washing machine uses about 41 gallons of water per load, whereas newer, high-efficiency models use **less than 28 gallons of water** per load.

Did you know?

A leaky tap that fills a coffee cup in 10 minutes will waste an estimated 3,000 gallons of water per year.

Recycling 1 ton of paper saves **7,000 gallons of water, three cubic yards of landfill space and 4,100 kilowatt-hours of electricity.**



Did you know?

The average dishwasher in US homes today uses 8.7 gallons of water per load. Washing by hand for 10 minutes with water running can use 20 gallons.

Today's dishwashers are about **95% more energy-efficient** than those bought in 1972—your old dishwasher may be costing you more in energy bills than it would take to buy a new one.

Did you know?

If your toilet is from 1992 or earlier, you probably have an inefficient model that uses between 3.5 to 7 gallons per flush. Newer, high-efficiency toilets use less than 1.3 gallons per flush. Apply to Affinity Water for your free LeakyLoo Strips and Cistern Bags.

Older showerheads can use 3 gallons per minute or more. New, efficient models use 2 gallons per minute or less. A family of four using low-flow showerheads instead of full-flow models can save about **20,000 gallons of water per year.**

Letting your tap run for five minutes uses about as much energy as a 60-watt lightbulb consumes in **14 hours.**

A full bathtub requires about **70 gallons** of water, while taking a 5-minute shower uses only **10 to 25 gallons.**



The friendly **Creative Writing** Group. Come and join them. They meet on the 3rd Monday afternoon.
Contact Zara via Debbie on groups@wareu3a.co.uk



Photos from a recent trip to Polesden Lacey in Surrey.

Huge thanks go to Sue Westgate, who has set up our brand **new Ware u3a website** which has now gone live, replacing the old Sitebuilder website which will no longer be supported. Please take a look at our new website, which is very clear and easy to find your way around. If you have any feedback, please contact Sue on web@wareu3a.co.uk . This is also the email address if you require any updates to be made to groups' details or would like to send any photos to be posted onto the website. If you had bookmarked the old Ware u3a website, you will be redirected automatically to the new website. Otherwise, just enter Ware u3a into your search engine.



Information There is now a temporary banking hub in Ware Drill Hall, open 9-5pm Monday to Friday, where you can access everyday banking services. Customers of all major banks and building societies can pay in cash and cheques, withdraw cash, check your balance, pay utility bills and top up your gas and electricity.



You can also talk to a Community Banker from your bank on the day your bank is in the hub.

Monday	HSBC
Tuesday	Barclays (no Community Banker 12-1pm)
Wednesday	Santander
Thursday	Natwest
Friday	Lloyds

The Ware Post Office is now open longer hours as well, including all day on Saturdays.

Request I have been asked by Age UK Hertfordshire for help by seeking your views on the work the charity carries out in our area. They would really appreciate your assistance by giving 10 minutes of your time to complete their online survey . Please click on the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/iVN0zBycC9>



(Photo from the June Meeting.) Please don't forget to send your requests, articles or reports to me for the July newsletter. The deadline for the July newsletter is 20th July. There will be no newsletter or Monthly Meeting in August.

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