

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Upcoming events

Find out about our upcoming meetings, regular afternoon teas, Wanstead & Woodford Film Club, and share news of local events

News and campaigns

Results of voting on national resolutions, choosing our charity of the year, latest on the Margaret Centre campaign and Million Women Rise march

Recent events

Looking back at January's meeting



Please send items for the newsletter to wanstead-wi@hotmail.co.uk

Please remember to bring:

- A mug and glass
- Money for the home stall
- Pennies for friendship
- Donations for the food bank

MEETING ON 15 FEBRUARY

Make Do and Mend - A 1940's theme for the night.

Pat and Barbara Elliot (History on the Move) will be wearing typical 1940's fashion, as we share the experience of a 1940's housewife's daily life with them.

What can you manage to find in your wardrobe to join in?

Headscarves, turbans, smart little hats were in fashion. Aprons 'pinnies' were a familiar sight, as were knitted items.

Classic 'Culinary delights' of eggless sponge and cookies will be available for you to sample.

To get us 'In the Mood' music from the 1940's favourites of Glenn Miller, Vera Lynn and the like will serenade us during the evening.

The jauntiest headscarf or hat and 'pinnie' will get a prize.

No - it won't be a tin of SPAM!

Upcoming events

MARCH MEETING

On 21 March, Simon Myers, Chief Executive of the Gaswork Dock Partnership charity, will be joining us to talk about Cody Dock. Discover how the Dock (River Lee) was regenerated. The aims of the regeneration are:

- Helping people access to the Lower Lea's environment and celebrate the area's industrial heritage
- Developing a community based arts and creative industries quarter on the banks of the River Lea
- Forging links with the wider community and enabling them to access and enjoy the River Lea
- Developing the site as an incubator for creative enterprise
- Nurturing sustainable income that will enable the development to support a wide range of arts, cultural and educational programs
- Providing new pathways into work for local people
- Creating a regeneration vehicle for conservation, environmental and cultural benefit

On Saturday 23rd March there is going to be a walk around Cody Dock. Many of you may have already signed up to attend the event which starts at 11am but there are still some spaces available. If you want to attend, please speak to Catherine O'Donnell at our February meeting.





TEA AND COFFEE GET-TOGETHERS

It is so good to see more and more members coming to have a cuppa and chat at these informal gatherings. The next ones are:

- Thursday 22 February, 11.00 The Bull
- Thursday 7 March, 2.30 Cafe Belgique.

Just turn up, no need to let us know in advance. We usually stay for about an hour.

Angela K



YOUR NOTICES



A new section ladies! **Just for you to tell us about all the lovely goings-on that you are involved in or those interesting events that are being held in our wider community and beyond.**

Towards the end of members meetings, many of you ask to speak about activities that you are planning or events taking place locally, e.g. choir/music concerts, jumble or plant sales, open gardens.

Sometimes it can be a bit rushed at the end and some details can be missed. So why not tell us in advance and your notices can appear here. You can still give us a reminder at our next meeting.

Let the committee know at our January meeting or email Wanstead WI at Wanstead-WI@hotmail.co.uk



WANSTEAD AND WOODFORD FILM CLUB

Below is the upcoming programme for the Wanstead and Woodford Film Club which holds monthly screenings at the **Odeon Cinema**, 60-64 High Road, South Woodford, E18 2QL. Bus routes 123, 179, 679, W12, W13 & W14 stop nearby. There are no adverts or trailers shown.

Films are shown at 12.30pm on the first Monday of every month. Everyone is welcome at our Film Club. There is no membership charge but a 20p donation is requested to cover essential costs. You pay the normal admission charge at the box office. Council car parking is available at the bottom of George Lane or further north on Woodford High Road.

<p>March 4th 2024</p>	<p>Tar (2022) Director: Todd Field Duration 2 hours 38 minutes <i>Language: English</i> Drama, Music Set in the international world of Western classical music, the film centres on Lydia Tar, widely considered one of the greatest living composer/conductors and the very first female director of a major German orchestra.</p>	
<p>April 1st 2024</p>	<p>Brian and Charles (2022) Director: Jim Archer Duration 1 hour 30 minutes <i>Language: English</i> Comedy Drama Sci-Fi After a particularly harsh winter, Brian goes into a deep depression. Completely isolated and with no-one to talk to, Brian does what any sane person would do when faced with such a melancholic situation. He builds a robot...</p>	
<p>May 6th 2024</p>	<p>Anatomy of a Fall (Anatomie d'une chute) (2023) <i>French with English subtitles</i> Director: Justine Triet Duration Two hours 31 minutes Language French with English subtitles Crime Drama Thriller A woman is suspected of her husband's murder and their blind son faces a moral dilemma as the main witness.</p>	
<p>June 3rd 2024</p>	<p>Saltburn (2024) Director: Emerald Fennell Duration 2 hours 11 minutes Language English Comedy Drama Thriller A student at Oxford University finds himself drawn into the world of a charming and aristocratic classmate who invites him to his eccentric family's sprawling estate for a summer never to be forgotten.</p>	

News and campaigns

2024 RESOLUTIONS VOTING OUTCOMES FOR WANSTEAD WI

Hello everyone, the results are in! Thank you everyone who wrote supporting information and spoke about their preferred choice at the January meeting.

Thank you to all the members who voted at the meeting, via email and at Coffee morning. 63 members voted. Thank you to Pamela for passing on emails to me.

Results

Dental Health Matters	18 votes
Impacts of Poor Housing	23 votes
Say “no” to gambling advertising	12 votes
Improving outcomes for Women in the Criminal Justice System	10 votes

The next stages of the Resolution Process are :

- **By March**, results of Resolutions sent to Wis
- **April**, NFWI Annual Meeting Resolution/s published in WI Life. Wanstead WI members vote for or against the Resolution/s at the April Meeting.
- **5 June** Annual Meeting, debate and vote on Resolution/s by delegates at the Albert Hall.

Angela K





CHARITY NOMINATIONS FOR 2024

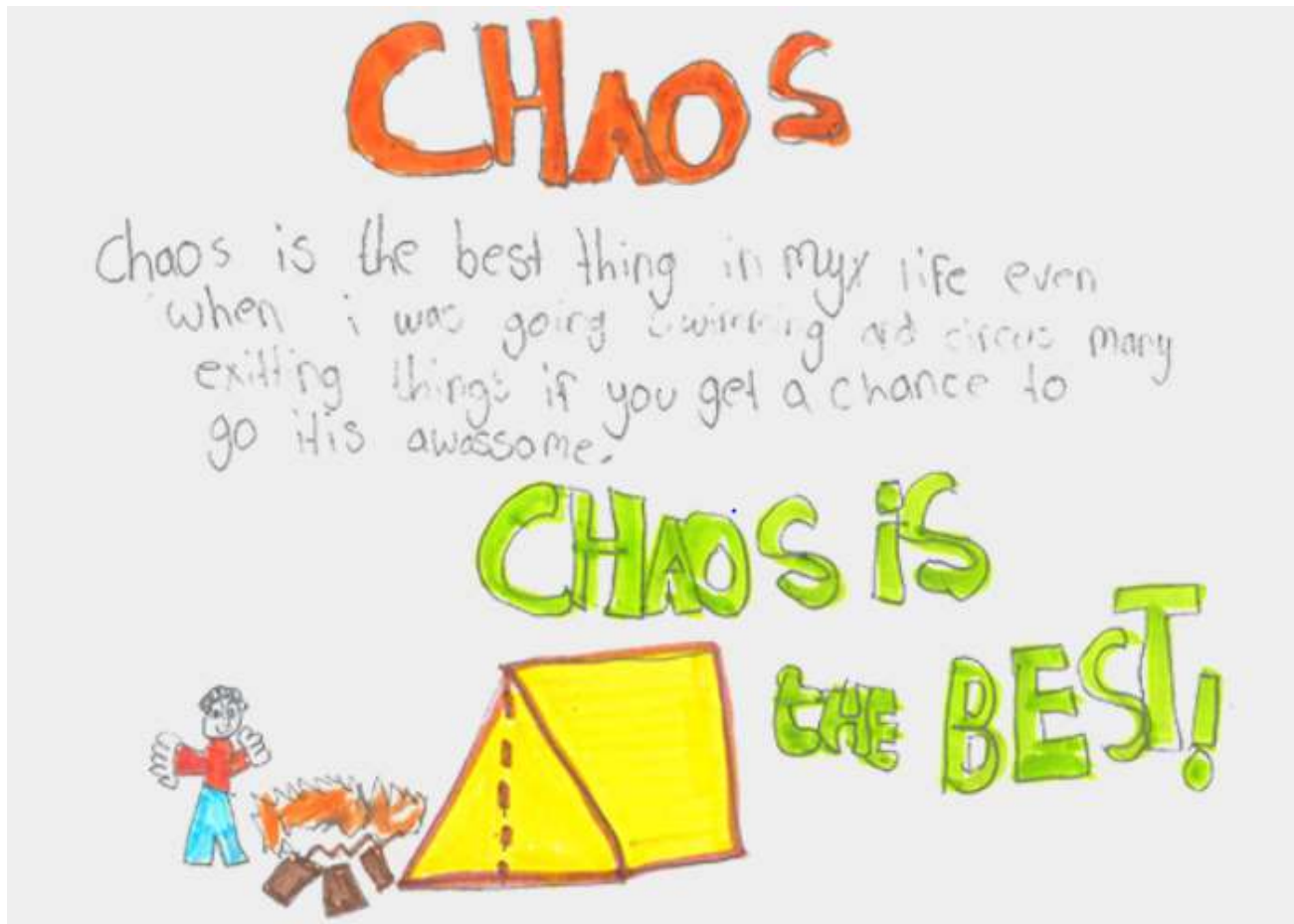
As you know, each year we fundraise in support of a local Charity nominated and chosen by our members. In recent years we have supported:

- **Chaos** - a small local registered Charity run by Volunteers providing free summer camps to children referred by their school who would not otherwise receive a holiday that year
- **Crest** - a local registered charity providing community based services for older adults including those with Dementia as well as those feeling lonely or isolated
- **The Magpie Project** - a local registered Charity providing support, advice and a safe place for Mums and pre- school children suffering in temporary or insecure accommodation
Local foodbanks - endeavouring to feed people in these times of austerity
- **Amyloidosis** - a Royal Free Charity in memory of our late President Christine Toogood.

It's time to start thinking about the local Charity we would like to support in 2025.

If you know of a local Charity which meets the WI recommended criteria as shown on My WI then please nominate it for consideration. Send your suggestions and brief details of the Charity to the usual WI email address Wanstead-WI@hotmail.co.uk . We can then collate the suggestions we can then start to discuss them at our monthly meetings and perhaps select one, by vote, in February or March.

Fundraising, of course, starts in January!



Testimonials from children supported by Chaos



WHIPPS CROSS, MARGARET CENTRE PETITION HANDOVER

In the December newsletter I mentioned that the Whipps Cross report on End of Life and palliative care was going to be presented to the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) in January. This concerns not only Waltham Forest but Redbridge and Epping too. However, the report wasn't ready and won't now be presented with any proposed recommendations until the end of March.

Ann B and I have read the report data which we can't report in detail yet. However, apart from some really good practices, it confirms just how impoverished end of life services in the community are in our catchment area and the importance of a Margaret Centre/hospice. We expect budget restrictions will massively influence any proposals. Will keep you updated as we get news.

On Whipps Cross in general, there's no news about wider funding for the redevelopment of hospital so plans are on hold other than for the car park!

Frances S



MILLION WOMEN RISE MARCH – SATURDAY 9 MARCH

For the past few years Ruth and I have joined the protest march against male violence towards women and girls organised by the Million Women Rise group. It's predominantly about the violence meted out to black women but such violence affects all women whatever their colour or ethnicity.

However, I've just gone on the MyWi website and this is the latest WI announcement:

The National Federation of the WI is **no longer be organising a WI presence at the Million Women Rise march** on 9th March 2024.

We have taken this difficult decision due to a lack of information about the focus and messaging of this year's march. We contacted the organisers regarding these issues, but have unfortunately not received a response. We therefore feel that we have insufficient information to ensure that the event will be in line with our campaign and charitable objectives.

This decision was not made lightly, and we understand the disappointment it may cause. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this cancellation may cause and appreciate your understanding.

We will **still be proceeding with an event focusing on our No More Violence campaign** on that day at the existing pre-meeting venue in London. From 10am - 4pm we will be hosting a full day of activities offering members the opportunity to learn more about the issue and ways to campaign to bring an end to violence against women

If you're interested in campaigning on the issue of No More Violence log in to the MyWI portal : <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/nfwi-news/articles/million-women-rise-march-2024-update2>

If you just want to join the protest march: here are the details.

Saturday 9th March Million Women Rise 2024 Meet on Duke Street London, W1U 1JY @ 12.30. Set off 1.15pm Rally @ Trafalgar Square from 2.45pm

Personally I'm going to try to go to the pre-meet in the morning and may join with a group of Stone Ranger Leytonstone members on the march. If you're interested in going, do get in touch - frances.simmons@ntlworld.com 07910318474 and we can meet up on the day.

Frances



Recent events

JANUARY MEETING

In January we were joined by Louisa Green from Swan Rescue to talk about her work in the local area and across London taking care of waterfowl, as well as her successful children's book, *There's Something about Wallace*, based around a swan love story in Hampstead.

It was a fascinating and inspiring talk which showcased Louisa's personal dedication to these beautiful animals.



WI GALLERY GROUP (WIGG) NEWS

A few of us enjoyed a visit to the Royal Academy on the 8 February to see the Impressionists on Paper exhibition which was very enjoyable. Next time we are going to visit either the Sargent and Fashion exhibition at Tate Britain or Entangled Lives at the Royal Academy on 14 March, depending on which is popular with most people. Then on 12 April we'll be returning to the Fashion and Textiles Museum for BIBA which I think will be very popular.

Thanks to Linda Tilbrook for sharing a list of art exhibitions in London which has been sent to members of WWIG. This has already inspired many visits in between the organised trips.

Cathy Unwin





WHO'S WHO ON THE COMMITTEE

Committee Member	Officer or Committee Role
Denise Hitchens (DH)	President
Gladys Shuckard Rowe (GSR)	Secretary & 2024 programme co-ordinator
Patsy Whiteside (PW)	Treasurer
Gillian Thackray (GT)	Website Manager
Vicki Ensor (VE)	Newsletter Editor
Nicola Hayes (NH)	Committee meeting minute secretary
Angela Kane (AK)	National resolution co-ordinator and members meeting recorder
Pamela Morgan (PM)	External Communications & Refreshments
Frances Simmons (FS)	Wanstead Campaigns & local WI liaison
Claire Thorogood (CT)	New member liaison
Maggie Widdecombe (MW)	Membership & charity co-ordinator