

Dear Members,
I hope you enjoyed the first mini newsletter. Please think about sending items to include in it. Tell us about you have been busy doing – cooking, making, growing, reading. In fact, anything that will interest or amuse us all. Keep Safe
Kate F (Editor)



Kay J has suggested a What's App group. Is this something that would be valuable to members as a way of keeping in touch? The committee considered how we could make this happen at our Zoom meeting last Wednesday. We are having another meeting this week so will discuss it again and the latest information on using the additional funds.

Could we have some zoom coffee mornings or Afternoon teas. Madeline and Deidre will be organising some real garden teas when we can return to going out and being safe.

Some good news from Lee N

"I this week I was able to talk to Christine Dyer's son from the front path and learnt she is much more cheerful now we have sunny weather. With the help from a physio, the sons were able to sit her up in a wheelchair and enjoy a family Sunday joint on Mother's Day. Last time I visited we were able to talk about bird watching and dancing together in years long gone by."

Congratulations to Niri D F on the birth of her grandchild.

Maggie W says have a look at the Unofficial WI Facebook to read the funny stories from Mobberley WI. "I've been sharing the posts of Richard Banks into our Facebook page but as he is now writing daily it would be better if members join his fictional WI themselves. They are great fun and make me smile and we can all do with a little light relief every day".

From Gillian B

"If anyone's having a clear-out as they find themselves confined at home, there is a charity, Against breast cancer, which recycles unwanted bras to raise funds for breast cancer research :

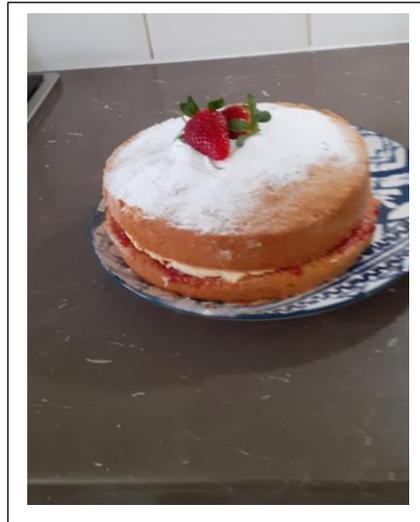
<https://www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk/recycling/bra-recycling/>

It does mean paying postage to send (not cheap!) or taking to a bra bank – which, of course, may not be operating now, but we could collect at a meeting and take them in the future, if people are willing to hold on to them for a while”.

“I've not baked a cake for over a year and really fancied a Victoria sponge. This one I made on my first week of 'enforced isolation' was the best I've ever made, so light. Hugh and I soon devoured it - a piece at 11am with coffee and again at 3pm with a cup of tea. Great.

When I've not been gardening, I've been crocheting. Here is the latest offering, very bright and cheerful. Hopefully it will bring joy to someone. Hope you are all keeping well”.

Pamela x



From Nicola H and Linda A

If you are missing your choir or simply like a good sing in private Gareth Malone has set up the Great British Home choir. We rehearse every afternoon at 5.30. starting with a warmup. Here is a sample from the second session <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iR3G54c7ell>

If you want to get involved, see this - decca.com/greatbritishhomechorus

Plenty of other virtual choirs online too.

WEA Film Club

“Today we were all meant to be watching 'The Eagle Huntress'!! But, in line with UK government guidelines, the Odeon Cinema has been closed and so our programme of film showings has been suspended until further notice. You will be contacted as soon as we are in a position to resume our first Monday of the month showings.

As connoisseurs of Waltham Forest Town Hall and Assembly Hall will know, William Morris proclaimed that " Fellowship is Life, and the Lack of Fellowship is Death. "If we have failed fully to grasp his meaning in the past, we are learning painfully now how right he was.

Hoping that normal service will resume before too long and that we will all meet again!”

Best wishes, Anne P (and Dorothy)

I've attached the knitting pattern for the Babies in Africa, ACWW mailed us about! I've been knitting snoods for Magpie too and will knit some baby jumpers next. Thank you to Annie for delivering gladioli bulbs. It's not usual that our garden is looking so tidy this early in the year! Also, the birds have never been better fed.

Angela K

STOP PRESS! Please be aware that ACWW's office is closed during this current crisis. Please await further information about where and when to send in your finished jumpers. Many thanks.

JUMPERS FOR CHILDREN IN AFRICA

African nights can be cold! ACWW are happy to receive small parcels of jumpers for children in Zimbabwe and Southern Africa. The parcels are transported in the luggage of ACWW Board and Committee Members when they return home from meetings in London.

Please send your parcels, marked to identify the contents, to ACWW, A04 Parkhall, 40 Martell Road, London SE21 8EN



PATTERN FOR JUMPER

Jumpers can be any colour, plain or striped, the brighter the better, in all sizes – babies often have larger siblings who would also like a jumper!

To fit chest sizes 20 (22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32) inches.

Materials: Any Double Knitting wool. Quantity depends on

size chosen.

Pair of 3.25 mm (size 10) and 4 mm (size 8) needles.

Abbreviations: K = knit St = Stitch SL 1K = Slip stitch knitways
ins - inches cms - centimetres mm - millimetres
Gst - garter stitch (every row knit)

Back and front alike: With 3.25mm (10s) needles cast on 56 (60, 66, 70, 76, 80, 86) sts and work 10 rows in Gst.

Change to 4mm needles (8s) and continue in stocking stitch (one row knit, next row purl) until work measures 7 (8, 9.5, 10.5, 12, 14.5, 16) ins ending with the right side facing for the next row.

Cast on 20 (26, 30, 32, 36, 38, 40) sts at beginning of next two rows for the sleeves: -
96 (112, 126, 134, 148, 156, 166) sts.

Next row SL 1K to end. Repeat the last row until the work measures
12 (13.5, 15, 16.5, 18, 19.5, 21) ins. Cast off.

Make another as above, then join the shoulder and upper sleeve and side seams leaving 7 (7.5, 7.5, 8, 8, 8, 8.5, 8.5) ins open at centre of neck.

News from the Gallery Group



View the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours 208th Exhibition exclusively online

Mall Galleries

From Frances C-H



Some photos of our weekly activities in self isolation with my granddaughter. Kayla has cystic fibrosis so in for 12 weeks. Doing lots of art, crafts and daily exercise with Jo Wicks at 9:00 am every morning. Have fabric paints on the way in post and some marbling ink too. Pictures show glass painting, batik, flower arranging and polymer clay beads, buttons and key rings we made.

From Julie B

<https://www.timeout.com/london/news/the-national-theatre-is-going-to-stream-a-free-play-every-thursday-night-032620>

From Gillian B As far as online culture goes, members might have fun with google arts. There is loads to read and investigate, even virtual tours of galleries around the world. <https://artsandculture.google.com/>

Editor: Use this mini newsletter to show your artistic creations.

Keep up to date with the world of theatre at Londontheatre.co.uk

National Theatre

Thursdays at 7pm then on demand for 7 days

2nd April One Man Two Guvnors

Jane Eyre Treasure island Twelfth Night

Royal Shakespeare Company and BBC

Hamlet Macbeth Othello

Royal Opera House – YouTube and Facebook Then on demand

Fridays at 7pm

Acis and Galatea 3rd April

Così fan Tutte 10th April

The Metamorphosis 17th April

BBCiPlayer has free content of RHO

Regent's Park Open Air Theatre

Has past trailers and backstage features online

Royal Court Theatre

Cyprus Avenue – video mixing the drama shot at theatre with locations in Belfast

Hampstead Theatre

Wild – on website until 5th April

Art

Smartify – this app is great when you in the art galleries but also fantastic to take you to different galleries in UK and other countries

Find pictures and information about the artist and so much more

The Guardian Art Critic recommends the following Warhol Museum – Pittsburgh National Gallery – YouTube

Prado – includes Goyas – some commentaries and videos with English subtitles. Has an interactive timeline

Getty – LA Online Exhibitions including Michelangelo and Bauhaus

The Mall galleries – wonderful to get their programme and visit in better times but you need to keep an eye on dates as exhibitions are only on for a few days

They have put their art exhibition online

Google Art and Culture

MOMA Munch museum British Museum Musée D'Orsay Today Art Museum – Beijing

National Galleries – collection online

Online tour of 7 rooms

TATE gallery – collection online Also has Tate kids - activities for younger people and those young in heart

Tate Britain has virtual tour

V&A has images and videos

Art UK website – art in private collections

I watched a programme on **Britain's Lost Masterpieces** where they find paintings on this website and then visit and get the paintings attributed if possible

Royal Academy

Collections and exhibitions online Daily doodle challenge Podcasts

Family newsletters bi-weekly from family page

National Life stories – artists' lives bl.uk

Artists lives was initiated by National Life stories, the charitable trust based in the oral history section of the British Library, in partnership with Tate Archives and is run in close collaboration with the Henry Moore Institute

Firstsite gallery in Colchester

This week will launch a downloadable activity pack to keep children and young people entertained

Good article by Mark Brown in Guardian – should be on website

Mark Wallinger suggests everyone drawing their own hand and put it in their window as a kind of nationwide wave – alongside those rainbows appearing everywhere by the children **Miscellaneous London ICA talks**

Available at British Library Sounds collection – sign up to get daily email

32 Londoners Podcast series

Louisiana Channel on You Tube (Denmark)

Royal Parks

Virtual stroll via Google Street View

Oliver Jeffers website

Reading one of his children's stories every day

Rebecca Pitt rebeccapitt.co.uk

Freelance graphic designer – now made a gingerbread

Gillian B was sent this amazing list. Please let us know if it was you.

Quiz time London Tube Stations sent to Gillian B

1.  2.  3.  4. 

5.  6.  7.  8. 

9.  10.  11.  12. 

13. CA  14.  15.  16. 

17. NL  18.  19.  20. CH 

21.  22.  23.  24.  25. 

Trivial Pursuit questions

- 1 Which monarch introduced Window Tax in 1696? Answer: William III.
- 2 What sea separates Italy and the Balkan Penninsula?

Everyone on the committee sends you all our best wishes and hopes that you and your loved ones stay well. If you need help in any form, please contact us straight away via the email and we will do our best to assist you.

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