



Wanstead WI mini newsletter No. 6

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Welcome to Mini-news 6

Just to remind you of Gillian B's email about joining a zoom WI meeting on Thursday 16 and a new zoom afternoon tea date the details are repeated here.

As we are unable to meet face-to-face at the present time due to Covid-19 restrictions, we have been trying to keep members in touch through regular mini-newsletters and weekly Friday virtual coffee mornings, using Zoom. We know that some members have other commitments on Friday mornings so we are going to set up weekly afternoon tea meetings on Mondays at 2.30pm, starting on Monday 13 July. The Friday meetings will continue as usual at 11.00am.

We know that some members don't have access to Zoom and/or may not want to use a computer, but members can just dial in to these meetings by telephone if they wish to. We are also going to try using breakout rooms for part of these meetings. This enables members to break into smaller groups for a chat, and then return to the main meeting. Members who joined the Zoom meeting on 3 July tried this out and found it quite straightforward.

*We are also going to hold a members' meeting on **Thursday 16 July at 8.00pm** via Zoom. Kate F has kindly arranged for a guest speaker (Chris O'Donnell) to give us a presentation on Wanstead landmarks. When he gives his PowerPoint presentation, all you will see on your screen will be his slides and you will hear his commentary, and all other participants will be muted for the presentation so there is no extraneous background noise. [When the presentation is finished, we will return to a main meeting for other business.]*

If you want to join either or both meetings, please use the contact form/ WI email at top of this page to provide your email address. Gillian B will then send you an invitation with a link to each meeting, with a meeting ID, password and telephone number for dialling in.

If you would like to attend a Zoom meeting but need some help, please let us know and we will try to assist.

Thank you, Gillian, for setting this up for members to enjoy.

Friday coffee mornings at 11 with Zoom

Thank you, Gillian, for agreeing to host these Zoom sessions.

Some basic zoom instructions borrowed from someone unknown.

Phone/tablet app

- You will need to install zoom on your phone, but you don't need an account.
- Select 'accept' to Terms & Conditions and to 'allow' Zoom to access your microphone.
- Choose if you would like notifications or not via the app.
- It will ask you to confirm that you want to hear others by joining/using the internet audio. Please select this.
- To select the camera so others can see you, please tap your screen and select the 'start video' button. You can still access the call if you don't select this, but you won't be seen by others.
- To leave the call, tap the screen and select 'leave' at the top right-hand side.

Desktop/laptop access

- If you open on a desktop/laptop, you will need to 'agree' to cookies, and click on the file that downloads (usually to the bottom left of your screen) and select 'install now'.
- It may ask if you want the app to make changes to your device, you can select 'no'.
- Once installed, click on the link you've been sent to join the meeting
- Agree to terms of service and privacy and select 'join with video' and then 'use computer audio'
- To leave the call, move your mouse over the app and select 'leave meeting' at the bottom right of the app screen.

Members news



I thought members might like to see a photo of the cutting which Linda Boot took from her Leytonstone garden when she moved to Wivenhoe in Essex. The WI rose was given to her as thanks for all the years of raffles which she had organised. She's settled in well but misses her friends in the WWI.

Pamela (Thank you Pamela)

We went for walk round the lake in Wanstead Park, like so many other members have doubtless been doing. We sat and looked at the grotto (see photo) and Nick told me again how it was used in a film of the book by Raymond Chandler called "The Big Sleep" which starred Robert Mitcham, (made in the 1980's?). I expect members already know that too. You may be interested to see the short clip from the film of the scene at the grotto which Lucy, my daughter, found on YouTube. <https://youtu.be/p7hZ506myvQ>

Nick, who is a Chandler fan, says the film was pretty awful.

Linda A (Thank you Linda)

Title: The Influenza Pandemic Window - Heroes and Heroines of 1918-1919

<https://projects.history.qmul.ac.uk/thehistorian/2017/10/06/through-a-glass-brightly-whitechapels-pandemic-window/>

At one of the virtual coffee mornings I showed this photo of an influenza pandemic memorial window in Whitechapel, in the former church of St Augustine with St Philip. It's now a medical library behind the Royal London hospital. Gillian B

https://images.squarespace-cdn.com/content/v1/5d64ef31f94e530001383006/1575644369190-H98PTQBY5JROVDMZR8HF/ke17ZwdGBToddI8pDm48kG0yXsrEaBkkGIXH-6hdCvB7qQa3H78H3Y0txjaiv_OfDoOvxcdMmMKkDsyUqMSsMWxHk725yiiHCCLfrh8O1z4YTzHvnKhyp6Da-NYroOW3ZGjoBKy3azaku80C789I0mxU0qodxi02JM9uVemPLqzdzVT1JSttnJhZ2I7-2DVjoWJImBa-JTMHkMb_OorLDA/IMG_20191104_105505.jpg?format=1000w



Angela says "In the early days of lockdown Annie S kindly brought me some gladioli – 3 months later a colourful display."

Denise has made jam and marmalade and food covers with the proceeds going to Magpie. Maggie reports that 20 new Babygrowes, 9 cardigans, 6 pairs of booties, 8 blankets and 3 bags of toiletries have been delivered to Magpie.

Thank you Denise and Maggie

Trivial Pursuit questions

5 Which species of parrot featured in the Monty Python sketch? Norwegian Blue

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