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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 and NFWI raffle
- Pennies for friendship
- Donations for the food bank
- Seeds for the seed swap
- Small towel and apron



MEETING ON 19 OCTOBER

At this month's meeting we will be making hand felted poppy brooches. This will be using the 'wet felting' technique which will involve a bit of soapy water so **please bring a small towel or tea towel** to dry your hands and prevent wet slippery floors.

You may wish to wear an apron too? Everything else will be provided. I hope you'll all enjoy crafting while you chat. Cathy U

PS. It's also Wanstead WI's 15th birthday next week and we thought we would raise a glass at the October meeting. We will provide the bottles of fizz, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic but members will need to bring a glass if they would like to partake.

Upcoming events

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER MEETINGS

On 16 November, the topic will be Guardians of the Light with author and lecturer Mark Lewis. Discover the world of the lighthouse keeper. What were the daily lives, hobbies, challenges and heroic deeds of the men and women who tended the lights?

On 21 December we will hold our Christmas and Winter Social – more details to follow. Bring a dish for the buffet. Plus a discussion of the WI Resolutions before our vote at January 2024 meeting.



REGULAR AFTERNOON TEAS

Meeting for a chat over a tea and coffee at The Bull and Cafe Belgique are well attended. It's a chance for new members to meet and get to know others from Wanstead WI. No need to tell us in advance, just turn up. Look forward to seeing you soon. Angela K

- Thursday 26 October, 11.00 The Bull
- Thursday 2 November, 2.30 Cafe Belgique
- Thursday 23 November, coffee at The Bull, 11.00
- Thursday 7 December, tea at Cafe Belgique, 2.30





Our next visit is to the 'Crown to Couture' exhibition at Kensington Palace on Thursday 26 October. Don't miss what the Evening Standard has called "Surely the starriest fashion exhibition London has ever seen". Any new members that would like to be added to the Art Group list can email me at cathy.unwin76@ntlworld.com



News and campaigns



UPDATE ON THE END-OF-LIFE CARE RESOLUTION

Frances has shared the following disappointing update on the resolution we submitted on end-of-life care. We did make it to the Essex level but not to the final five. Frances will give a verbal update at this month's meeting, but below is the email she received from national:

“Thank you for submitting a resolution for the 2023/24 process. We are sorry to share that, although it was a very interesting and important topic, your resolution did not make it to the shortlist this year. On behalf of the NFWI, I would like to thank you and all the members that were involved in developing your resolution. You have played an important role in the democratic process at the heart of all WI campaigns.

“We received many resolutions of a high standard this year covering a vast array of topics, with members putting a lot of research into their submissions. At the resolutions selection meeting representatives voted for resolutions they felt best met the selection criteria.

“The Public Affairs Department has put together guidance for WIs or federations that may want to strengthen their resolution or promote it on a local level, providing it falls within the WI’s charitable objects. This guide is available here:

https://www.thewi.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/600549/Guidance-unsuccessful-submissions.pdf

“Please also get in touch if you would like feedback from the meeting regarding your resolution, or advice on what to do next if you wish to keep working on the resolution.

“I would also like to highlight to you our training course on the resolutions process which is available on the WI Training platform. The course is open to all WI members including those who wish to submit a resolution or who are interested to learn more about WI campaigns. The course covers the NFWI resolutions process, the role of federations and Resolution Coordinators and the features of a strong resolution submission. You can access the course using your MyWI login.

“The shortlisted resolutions will be published next week and circulated via federations. We hope this does not discourage you from submitting a resolution next year, and thank you again for your time and research in submitting your resolution.

“Kind regards,

“Aanchal Mann

“Interim Public Affairs Manager”





CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR THE MAGPIE PROJECT

Once again we will be supporting the women living in temporary accommodation who access The Magpie Project in Forest Gate. So many lovely things have been sent in the past few years and these have always been much appreciated.

Anything suitable for a young woman living in cramped conditions with young children so no candles or scented oils please but items such as scarves, gloves, toiletries, mugs, notebooks and pens, chocolates or other edible treats, make up, nail varnish etc. are so welcome.

Please wrap your present and either bring it to the October or November meeting or drop it to Maggie.

We will also be making up as many extra presents as we can using toiletries and washbags that have been donated recently so we would be happy to accept any suitable items we can add to these gifts too.



DONATE TO THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION

The Whitechapel Mission helps homeless people in London. They are in dire need of men's coats, shoes, trainers, hats, scarves and gloves. If you have any that you can donate, Teresa is willing to store them in her garage in Wanstead until they can be collected.

Please either bring them to the next meeting, or deliver them to Teresa at: 17 Greenstone Mews, Wanstead.

Recent events

MUDLARKING TRIP MAKES THE COVER OF ESSEX LIFE

For all those who attended our very enjoyable mudlarking trip in August, we have been advised that our group photo has made it to the cover page of the November edition. Extra copies of Essex Life will be available at our November monthly meeting for anyone who wishes to take a memento home with them.

Also, if anyone is interested in coming along to another Mudlarking Trip please let me know .

Claire





A MESSAGE FROM MAUD

Hi Girls, Hampshire calling!!!

I have two very big thank yous to make. One for the beautiful Peace Lily that arrived on Sunday - delivered by Royal Mail - yes, you did read it correctly - Sunday!!!!!! Is this a perk for living in the country?!!

The other big thank you is for my cards - the comments are lovely & I feel very humbled - maybe I'm not the miserable old bag that I envisaged!! Mr B particularly liked his card from the coffee group, Annie!!! We're in & loving the area there's a huge playing field not far away so Mr B & I go there for some ball games - he's become deaf recently so can't hear where they've landed so spends more running about time looking for them!!

I'm slowly getting through my packing cases - South Park were brilliant but I quickly learnt that anything not glued down disappeared into a box - I'm still looking for my kettle, medicines & a bag of unopened cards & presents.



The house has a lovely vibe & feels very warm & friendly.

Maybe next year there could be a WI trip to Hampshire. Jane Austin's House & her brother's house are close by, plus the Watercress Line & I could always make a cup of tea!!!!

I really appreciate my time with Wanstead WI & all the special friends that I have made. No doubt we shall be heading to Wanstead from time to time. So you won't have seen the last of us!!!

Lots of love & wags



Maud xxx & Bentley





WHO'S WHO ON THE COMMITTEE

We've had a request to include a list of the committee members in the newsletter. Please find below a list of what they all do.

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