



**Welcome to your newsletter**  
Wanstead WI newsletter January 2016  
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### **A message from the Committee**

Welcome to a New Wanstead WI Year.

We look forward to an interesting programme for 2016 and hope that many activities will be enjoyed by members.

January is the month for resolutions and Wanstead WI is no exception – we need to vote on the NFWI resolutions for 2016 and we need to choose a new charity to support. Please familiarise yourself with the resolutions proposed by looking in the latest copy of WI Life or at our website. Also please bring the voting slip from your copy of WI Life to use at the meeting. If you wish to speak about a Resolution please prepare a short piece and let a member of the committee know that you wish to do so.

We have decided to postpone the choosing of our new charity until the February meeting to give more time to the Resolution process. Details of previous charities supported are available at meetings. The criteria are based on woman and community. All ideas will be considered and voted on as usual. There are currently two ideas – **Peachy and The Hub**. The nominee will need to prepare a very short explanation so that members can vote. £370 was raised for the Wanstead Playground Association.

**Another extended committee meeting is being planned for April 6.** This meeting opens out the committee to include all members who are involved in organising and running events/activities. We also welcome any members who would like to consider joining the committee. The AGM is only a few meetings away!

We are very interested in developing the 'Raffle Promise' idea that Maggie started with giving a flower arranging session as a prize ( see further on in the newsletter) and next Cathy has given a free ticket for her felt making course ( see details further on). Do you have a skill you could gift?

### **Message from Linda Boot**

**"In January I am proposing to do the coin lucky dip instead of the raffle as I am completely out of prizes at the moment. It will give us time to start collecting members' unwanted Xmas gifts. If members can bring a £1 coin I will issue numbered coloured dots. One for them to wear and one for their coin. We will then pick out up to three lucky winners who can collect a cash prize of £5 each".**

### **Information about subscriptions**

- Subscriptions run from January to December
- New members joining for the first time ( not previous members) will pay a pro-rata sub depending on the quarter in which they join
- If you belong to more than one WI the additional fee is £18. No pro-rata rate.
- Membership includes 8 copies of WI Life and information from your Federation. At least 11 meetings where you are entitled to contribute ideas to the annual programme.

### **News from Wanstead WI committee**

1. Annual fees of £37.50 must be paid in January if you wish to retain membership.
2. It would be a great help if you could write a cheque and place it in an envelope with your name and any change in personal details on the front. Please note that membership booklets have been delayed and NFWI has sent out apologies.
3. In order to make our meetings run more smoothly we need to emphasise to members that any friends who say they want to come along as a visitor **must** let us know beforehand. It would also be helpful if when visitors came to a meeting they had the correct money to make the £4.00 donation we ask for. If your details have changed please make sure Jennifer and Pamela know.
4. Programmes for 2016 will be available at the next meeting and can currently be viewed on the website.
5. Tree planting is on hold as costings require members' approval.
6. The 'Members Information Pack' team met in December and Carole B has made a first draft of the new document.
7. Please buy your raffle tickets as soon as you arrive to make it easier for Linda and Linda to get to everyone. There is also time to buy at the tea break.
8. As our membership grows it is really important that at meetings we make the best use of time. It takes longer at refreshment time and it is harder to get to know people. This is something that the committee has been grappling with for a while at their meetings. Collated information on your views about refreshments and improvements will be available at the February meeting as there will not be time for discussion in January.
9. If you haven't signed up for the refreshment rota please do and as Pamela reminded us all in a recent email – if everyone signed up it would only be once every two years!
  - 7.45 SIGN IN Arrive and collect a chair and arrange in a horse shoe shape (help with tables if needed).
  - 8.00 Briefing to draw attention to events to sign up for and organisers to talk to in the break.
  - 8.15 Feature of the meeting
  - 9.00 Social time - meet new members, chat with regulars, buy raffle tickets, enjoy refreshments, browse noticeboards, swap books.
  - 9.40 WI formal information and raffle
  - 9.50 Clear away. Please help by sharing in the packing up and tidying of the hall.
10. Please bring change to buy refreshments. Time is wasted trying to find change for notes.

Ideas please ..... Do you have any suggestions for making Wanstead WI better?

Please do not bring old Christmas cards in January because Joy, Margaret and Kate will not be making recycled cards anymore.

### **Regular Reminder of things to bring to meetings**

- \* a mug for your refreshment drink
- \* your spare pennies for the 'Pennies for Friendship' piggy bank
- \* raffle prizes and money for tickets
- \* donations for the Leytonstone Food Bank always needed.
- \* books and quality monthly magazines for the Book Swap Box

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN IN AT EVERY MEETING AND WEAR YOUR NAME LABEL**

## 21 January

Frances Cowper-Holhauzen will talk about the exciting WI Centenary Fashion project that she was involved in with Kingston University and show some finished garments.

Voting for 2016 Resolution

Refreshment rota: Liz Hall, Angela Frew, Susan Borland

## December's meeting

We enjoyed a very jolly Christmas social – lovely food and good company. Wonderful gifts were won in Linda and Linda's super 'Lucky Dip'. Lovely table decorations from Teresa. Many thanks to members on refreshment duty (Cherry A, Pamela M and Sue W) and to members who came early to make the room look Christmassy. Thanks to Carole B for providing the music.



## Next month's meeting



## 18 February A Life in Textile Design Sarah Campbell

**Textile Designer** Sarah Campbell co-founded the textile design partnership Collier Campbell with her sister Susan Collier in 1979. They had already worked together for years producing original designs for apparel and the home with Liberty of London Prints, Jaeger, Habitat, and many others in the UK and the USA.

Refreshment rota: Angela K Gillian F Cherry A

## Dates for your diary

6 January  
7 January  
11 January  
13 January

21 January  
22 January  
25 January  
28 January

Committee meeting  
Thursday Book club at Susanne's.  
NO Craft club 2 -5 at Maggie's  
Meet at the Cuckfield 7.30 for social evening and drinks  
Evening meeting  
Robin Hood Pantomime  
Craft club 2 -5 at Maggie's  
Coffee morning at The Manor - across the road from Majestic Wine.

## Future Wanstead WI events

**Felting Workshop** "As the felting went so well last month I am going to run a short beginners workshop for WI members that fancy doing some more in a smaller group. This will be held on the 13th February from 2 until 4.30pm at The Scout Hut, Holy Trinity Church, South Woodford, E18 1QQ . It will cost £25 to include all materials. You will only need to bring a bar of soap a jug or bowl and towels. I will have a sign-up sheet at the next two meetings if you want to come; payment will guarantee you a place. (Cash or cheque please)" Cathy Unwin

## Things to read on the noticeboards at WI meetings

- Calendar of events
- Minutes of meetings
- Connections Folder
- NFWI and Essex Federation info
- Wanstead Events and outings details on notice board

## Essex/National Federation news

*Don't forget Denman*

Look out for the Denman Course booklet on the noticeboard table. We're keen to support Denman College as much as possible, so if you are interested in any of their courses, Wanstead WI will help with the costs. Just get in touch with any Committee member. The NFWI also provides various bursaries.

## Members Corner – Wanstead WI out and about



Beautiful arrangements made by the winners of the November raffle prize for an afternoon workshop to make a Christmas table centre.

Look out for some wonderful offers from fellow Wanstead WI members each month in the raffle.

Coming soon: a free place at Cathy's feltmaking

workshop, a beautifully decorated celebration cake and a jam making session.

We now have a raffle with the chance to win prizes money can't buy so do remember to get your tickets each month, the proceeds really do help our funds. And if you have a skill you would be happy to share please let Maggie or Linda know.



Join the [Wanstead WI Facebook](#) group. Look at our [website](#).

## Items of interest

Silver Screen

Anyone fancy going to the Odeon South Woodford on Tuesdays and Thursdays 11 or 2 o'clock every week for £3 each session? Includes tea and biscuit! Can we get a group together? Mystery Screen on Mondays. See notice board.

**Message from Teresa F "Re the London Gardens open under the National Gardens Scheme 2015 raised £184,000 (not £165,000 as I said that was 2014!). That is just for London gardens alone. So thank you WI members for visiting London gardens. We work a year behind so if anybody would like to open their garden in 2017 I have to visit before August 2016, Winter is a good time for a visit not just when everything is in bloom in the summer. Please consider opening your garden whether on its own or in conjunction with another. No garden is too small to open. Mine is 15 feet square! It would be great if more local gardens could be included in the Yellow Book for 2017 - it would be great to showcase this area. I welcome enquiries at WI meetings or email. Thanks for your support".**

Please bring what you can for our monthly collection for **Leytonstone's food bank** - the basics are always needed. Here are a few suggestions:

- Canned fruit, meat, fish, vegetables, pulses such as chickpeas, kidney beans
- Sugar, jams
- Cooking Oil
- Breakfast Cereals
- Tinned and packet soups
- Ready-made sauces for pasta and rice
- Tinned custard, tinned puddings, squirty cream
- Toiletries, e.g. soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, disposable razor

Frances Simmons

This is the link to **the knit for peace blanket pattern**. The link to their website contains lots of other patterns people might like to make.

If blanket squares are made the craft group will collect them and make them up into blankets as an ongoing project - so no deadlines for completion.

<http://www.knitforpeace.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Blanket-in-squares.pdf>

**East London and Essex Electronic Keyboard Club** have regular Wednesday concerts playing a variety of music from the shows to classical and the Big Band sound. Concerts start at 7.50 'til 10.15 at Wanstead Library. Tickets £7

Also look out for events at The Cadogan Hall featuring The Jazz Repertory Company.

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