



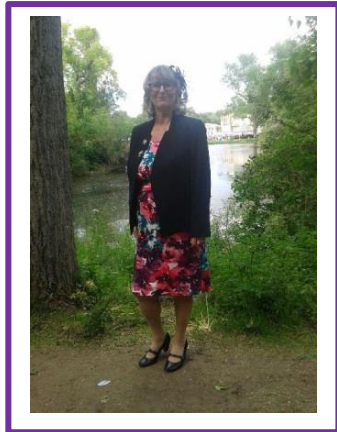
Wanstead WI newsletter March 2016

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Welcome to your newsletter

Message from our president Hazel Welch

“Most of you will know that we are very sad to report the death of our friend and fellow WI member, Carol Massey. Carol was a founding member of Wanstead WI and until recently a dedicated member of the committee. On behalf of Wanstead WI we send our condolences to her family. Many of you will also know that Carol has bequeathed £500 to us to do something exciting and fun. We would like to ask all members for ideas on how to spend this generous amount and carry out Carol’s particular wishes.”



Memories of Carol

She enjoyed many days out with WI friends

She was selected to attend the Centenary Royal Garden Party

She went with Christine to her home town of Southend on Sea to be part of the Centenary Baton Ceremony

She joined craft club to knit baby clothes for her new grandchild

She organised the production of and sold the Wanstead WI mugs

She held a number of roles on the committee

She set up a number of the activities that are now features of meetings

She valued the support and friendship offered by the WI

Thank you Carol – We will miss you.

Last month we voted to choose a new charity to support. Of the two charities nominated you chose The Hub. We now need volunteers to start fundraising ideas.

Another extended committee meeting is 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 or wish to observe the proceedings. Please let the committee know if you wish to attend. The AGM is only a few meetings away!

We are very interested in developing the 'Raffle Prize Promise'. Do you have a skill you could gift? Maggie is busy signing people up! Next prize is a personal cake from Gill W.

WANTED More knitters and crocheters to make squares for our blankets for refugees. If members want the craft club to continue to make blankets on their behalf we must have squares to join together. The squares can either be made using the Knit for Peace pattern or made so they are 15 cm or 6" in length. Finished squares can be brought to the meeting or given to a craft club member (or join the club too).
<http://www.knitforpeace.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Blanket-in-squares.pdf>

We have started a craft swap box at meetings like the book swap. Please bring unwanted craft items to get it going.

News from the Wanstead WI committee

1. Annual fees of £37.50 should have been paid by now. 58 members and 1 visitor attended the February meeting.
 2. Maggie W thinks our membership number is printed on the address label of WI Life. If so please check your next delivery and make a record of the number on your new membership card. It is needed if you wish to use the NFWI moodle (Intranet service).
 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. The 'Members Information Pack' is moving forward and should be ready soon.
 5. 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.
- 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. **All members round a table are responsible for putting away their table and chairs so please share this task fairly and consider those less able.**

8 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?

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 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

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.

Monthly Meetings

Next meeting **17 March**

**A Poem in Twenty Minutes workshop, Jeanne Holland,
Creative Writing Group, Wanstead House**

Jeanne runs a popular evening class at Wanstead House and is very good at getting novices to write with confidence. She asks you not to be put off by the idea of writing for pleasure.

Please bring paper/ notepad and pens or pencils.

Refreshment rota: Annie S Rita B Margaret B



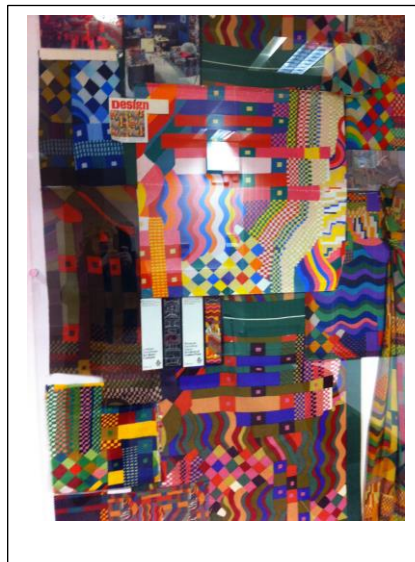
Jeanne (in stripy jumper) encouraging Wanstead writing group to perform end of term plays.

Previous meeting

A Life in Textile Design

Sarah Campbell gave a fascinating talk about her life in textile design. She was funny and everyone warmed to her as she related tales of her partnership with her sister Susan Collier. Sarah showed beautiful examples of her work and was generous in allowing us to touch fabrics and notebooks. Many of which were familiar to members who had been to the Textile Museum exhibition recently.

Refreshment rota: **Thank you** Angela K Gillian F Cherry A



Looking forward...

Spring Social

Enjoy our first social of the year

Come wearing something to do with Spring or Easter. Bring some food and your plate, glass and cutlery.

Refreshment rota: Kate C Julie B
Eufemia A



Dates for your diary

2 March	Committee meeting
9 March	Meet at the Cuckfield 7.30 for social evening and drinks
14 March	Craft club 2 -5 at Maggie's
17 March	Evening meeting
24 March	Coffee morning at The Manor - across the road from Majestic Wine.

28 March	Craft club 2 -5 at Maggie's
31 March	Thursday Book club at Susanne's.
6 April	Committee meeting
11 April	Craft club 2 -5 at Maggie's
13 April	Meet at the Cuckfield 7.30 for social evening and drinks
21 April	Evening meeting Spring Social
25 April	Craft club 2 -5 at Maggie's
28 April	Coffee morning at The Manor - across the road from Majestic Wine.
28 April	Thursday Book club at Susanne's.

Future Wanstead WI events

Everyone is welcome and new members are particularly invited to join these events run by members.

Walks with Jane Kelly planned for June. Thanks again to Gladys for organising. Details and dates to follow.

Two days out that Linda Andrews invites everyone to join

Thursday 10th March. Leighton House which is in Kensington.

Meet at Leytonstone Station at 10.00 am. Tickets £7.00 or £5.00 if you are senior and half price if you belong to the National Trust.

Afterwards, maybe a visit to the Roof Garden in Kensington High Street or a walk in the park!

Monday 9th May

A Wests coach trip to Sissinghurst Castle in Kent.

Some of us have already bought tickets, if you would like to come, please **ring 0208505 8833** and the nice lady will take your booking.

Cost is £29.00 or £28.50 if you are senior or £18.00 if you belong to the National Trust.

Angela Kane has organised a trip to Regent's Park Theatre to see:

Jesus Christ Superstar

Saturday 23 July 2016 at 2.15

£32. Cheques / cash at March meeting please.

Please contact Angela directly (ask committee for her address) with a cheque if you will not be at the March meeting. Tickets to be given in May

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

Lots of courses on offer at Hatfield Peveral see Essex News

Wanstead WI features in Essex News - A photo of Ruth Bond cutting Gill's amazing cake.

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

Items of interest

MAKE EAST Our March workshop is to make a funky geometric bunting necklace held The Duke, Wanstead on Monday 14th March 7.30-9.30pm.

Starting with plywood blanks you will decorate each one individually before making them into a necklace using jump rings, chains and clasps.

Places are limited so book your place by emailing makeeastlondon@gmail.com. £20 includes all materials and tuition.

We look forward to hearing from you

Gill and Sarie

Message from Jennifer

“Sue Whyte and I have visited an exhibition at 2 Temple Place, very near to Temple Underground Station on the District Line. A really interesting building with free entrance and nice Café. Only open when exhibitions are taking place.”

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. Is anyone interested in organising a list for this?

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 food bank - the basics are always needed. Here are a few suggestions:

Canned fruit, meat, fish, vegetables, canned 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”

[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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