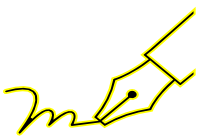


OCTOBER 2020

Hello everyone.

Well we made it during August & September with meetings but now with the Rule of Six, we are having to adapt again. To keep in touch with everyone, we are again issuing our own Newsletter. The first item in our Newsletter is a message from our President:



Hello dear ladies,

I hope you are all keeping well. I am writing this from the beautiful county of Yorkshire. As yet, Friday evening, the rain hasn't reached here but I'm not holding my breath that I won't get rather wet tomorrow.

Well we managed one physical meeting before we were thrown in to the rule of 6 and meetings were once again suspended. I hope those of you who did attend the September meeting enjoyed the speaker, actor Nick Wilkes. Our October meeting is a new adventure for some of us, including me, when we try a zoom meeting. I'm sure some of you are real pros on the virtual world but I have to confess to feeling somewhat apprehensive myself. We are hoping to keep in touch with coffee mornings, drinks evenings and local walks but realise not everyone is able, or feels comfortable, attending activities at the moment. If you have any other suggestions of things we can organise, please do email or let a member of the committee know. For now, take care and stay safe.

With very best wishes from Jenny.



You should all be aware of the Coffee Mornings and Drinks Evenings that have been organised for the remainder of the year. The Coffee mornings are being held every fortnight and alternating between The Bell & The Anchor; the Drinks Evenings are being held once a month. If you do not have the dates for these, you can find them on our Facebook page, our website or contact us direct. The October dates are also on this newsletter in 'OCTOBER EVENTS'.

As Jenny has mentioned, our October meeting is still going ahead but this will be via Zoom. You should all have your invitation emails before Wednesday; if not, please email us. Some of our members are already familiar with Zoom and some have just begun to use it. If you are interested in joining us on Zoom and have yet to be introduced to it, again please email us and we will guide you through.

In the meantime, here is a snippet from the WFWI Newsletter about Zoom:

“Now we are living under the Rule of 6 it is even more important that wherever possible we are able to join a Zoom meeting. It is a great way of meeting online and very straightforward to use:

- You go online, preferably into Google Chrome and enter ‘Zoom’ in the search bar. Click on Zoom UK.
- You will have been sent the user ID and password for the meeting so click on ‘Join a Meeting’ at the top right side of the screen. You then insert your long user ID number in and click ‘Join’.
- You will then be asked to enter the password.
- You then get the prompt to use your webcam if you have one and finally click on sound.

Now you are in and ready to meet friends or join a talk.

Another easy option when you are sent an email invitation is to click on the highlighted link that takes you straight to the page to enter your ID and password.

There are a range of YouTube videos to watch but a good one is ‘Joining a Zoom call for the very First Time’. However, you do not need to download the Zoom app. As explained you can go straight in through the internet.”



#### **OCTOBER EVENTS :**

<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tuesday 11am</b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b>	<b>The Bell</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday 7:30pm</b>	<b>Bhangra Blaze</b>	<b>Zoom meeting</b>
<b>w/c 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Day/time to be confirmed</b>	<b>Walk</b>	<b>Peason Lane – the river – Mill Lane – round trip.</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday 7pm</b>	<b>Drinks Evening</b>	<b>The Bell – hot drinks also available!</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday 11am</b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b>	<b>The Anchor</b>

We are also hoping to organise a lunch possibly during October; details to follow.

For November, we will have more of the same along with an additional workshop event. We are hoping to organise a series of mini-workshops for an afternoon and evening. As we will have to work with the Rule of Six, the workshops will be short (no more than an hour) so we can give all members who wish to join, the opportunity to do so.

In the meantime, WFWI are hoping to organise more Zoom events so as soon as we have details, we will forward them onto you.

**For our next newsletter, have you read any good books during lockdown?** If so, let us have your recommendations along with a couple of lines about the book and we will include it in the next newsletter.

Alternatively, do you have an anecdote, news, ideas or thoughts to share. If so, please let us know.

Remember Sue Edwards is our well-wisher so please let her know if anyone is poorly or needs support.

And finally, a quiz! Yes, just when you thought it safe to relax your brain, along comes something else to test it. In keeping with the theme of our October meeting, this quiz is dance-related. For those of you on email, the answers will be emailed next week; for those who get this in print form, the answers are included on a separate sheet – but no peeking now!

Until we meet again, be safe everyone.

Barbara

On behalf of your Committee x

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