



Hello everyone. I expect you are looking forward to going back to Ruth Winston Centre. As you probably know I have moved to the Isle of Sheppey to be near my daughter. Life here is completely different from London. Lots of fresh air and at the moment sun! I miss the Centre so much but things change unfortunately. I have joined U3A so hopefully I shall be able to play scrabble, when we are allowed to meet. I miss my visits on a Tuesday morning at the Centre, when I used to play with friends. Anyway, I hope you are all well and please keep in touch I should love to hear from you. My number here is still the same or you may ask at the Centre. Best wishes Iris.

Marlene. MacAndrew  
THE (HAPPY?) ZOOMER

Among the many benefits of going on to Zoom  
Is participating from the comfort of your very own sitting room.  
But when we jolly Zoomers are settled before the screen,  
All our domestic arrangements quite clearly can be seen.

*For example:*

Here comes Mrs. Double U. always tidy, spruce and neat,  
But see the pile of fag-ends encircling her feet!  
And we're joined by Nancy Non but, immaculate in her dress,  
Not so the room behind her; my goodness, what a mess!  
Good morning, Mr. Corbingley! His bachelor pad's quite spartan.  
But who'd have thought he'd paper his walls in such a gaudy tartan!  
We've just been joined by the Pogsons; now, they are really arty,  
And it seems this is the morning after a very rowdy party!  
And here is Mr. Baddingley, looking very pleased with himself;  
But did you see the kind of books he keeps on that bookshelf?  
Well, I had always thought of him as the decentest of men,  
But now I know the things he reads I won't talk to him again!  
But as I pen these comments on people's' Zoom displays  
I come to realise, of course, that Zooming works two ways:  
And the thought has suddenly come to me as I tune into Zoom:  
My god, what do the others see, when they look around MY room?

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June Volunteers and Trustees joined together today to form one of our traditional Working Parties to Spring clean the Centre and gardens to slowly welcome back our members.

Enjoyed by all, great atmosphere and plenty achieved.  
Thank you everyone.

There will be further working parties and if you would like to join in, please phone the Centre and they will provide dates and times



When we re-open, Members and Volunteers are invited, by Derek & Geoff, to join the **New Gardening Club**, and to register their interest at the first meeting on a date to be announced.

The main objective of the Gardening Club is to replenish and upkeep the gardens for the enjoyment of all those, who use the Centre and, when the Covid situation is gone, perhaps also visit local gardens and centres like Myddleton House and Capel Manor.

Hoping you all stay safe and to keep as well as you can,

Geoff Robinson and Derek Pope. (Thursday Garden volunteers aka Garden Club)

**Please visit the Ruth Winston Centre Facebook Page and join in the conversation and have your say.** <https://www.facebook.com/rwcentre/>



### **CENTRE UPDATE**

The Zoom classes are still working well. You can see the schedule on the updated Ruth Winston web site. [www.ruthwinstoncentre.com](http://www.ruthwinstoncentre.com) There are also some other clubs on Zoom for now eg the Book Club and the Wine Appreciation Group. The great Ukulele Band is playing currently in outdoor locations. Hopefully things are looking more positive with the Government indicating that from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July all restrictions may be lifted. The Centre has been open since 24<sup>th</sup> May hosting small, pre-booked, groups for the “Drop-in” When we first opened, it has been for scheduled drop-in sessions for socialising, small activities and a few classes. We will slowly introduce more classes over the following months until we are back fully. We will oversee, for your safety, numbers in the Centre, social distancing and hygiene.

We also want to celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> Year, when restrictions are lifted and will plan special events to achieve that.

As before, when we were open, we very much rely on volunteers – Ian comes in every morning to make teas and coffees for members and, when it is not raining, keeping the plants well-watered. We also thank the regular Office volunteers and all the members of the Work Party clearing, cleaning & gardening. Please, Will all our Volunteers, who have not already returned or contacted us please let us know, when they will be returning?

If you would like to find out more about volunteering in the Centre please email or call the Centre.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

The membership renewal is now well underway but we still have a long way to go. Our membership subscription is a huge part of the finances that keeps our Centre up and running and we will be so excited to have you all back in the Centre to help us bring it back to life after the past 12 months.

The membership renewal for 2021/22 will run from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The fee this year will be £20 for the 15 months. You can either call to pay for your membership by phone with a card or send a cheque to the Centre with your name on the back so that we can update your records.

You may contact the Office 020 8886 5346 to make a payment or forward a cheque to the centre at 190 Green Lanes, Palmers Green, N13 5UE.

### **POETRY COMPETITION**

We are also running a poetry writing competition concentrating on your experiences, emotions, events of the past lockdown times or ‘Returning to the Centre’. This competition would close at the end of July and a winner will be chosen and published in the newsletter. If we have enough entries, we can also look into putting all entries into a booklet for our members.



*Yvonne*

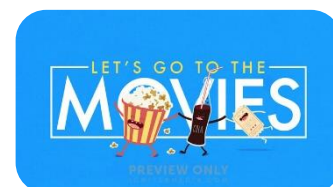
A MASSIVE thank you to the Knitting Group for creating the lovely Twiddlemuffs. Thank you very much. They are on their way to the Dementia Ward at North Mddx, Hospital

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 12pm

Our first afternoon movie at the centre, film to be confirmed

Limited numbers so please book early



**A sad farewell to Debbie, who left at the end of June. We wish her well and every success in the future. We will miss your cheerful smile.**

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