

News from NWG London Pensioners & Friends 501

With the seasonal Christmas period upon us, there are still activities for you to enjoy – please join in. After a few years of no subscription increases, unfortunately it is necessary for a small increase from 1st Jan 2026. From that date the individual subscription will rise from £2.15 to £2.40 per month and the joint subscription will rise from 90p to £1.00.

Christmas Lunch

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have had our Christmas Lunch. At the time of writing (late October) over 100 have already indicated their attendance – very encouraging! Join us next time. We are planning another NatWest reunion in May next year so watch for announcements on your next newsletters.

Holiday

33 of us went to Warners Heythrop Park – an enjoyable break. Watch out for our next holiday as announced in our newsletters.

Coffee Mornings

North London Mondays 29th December, 26th January 2026, and 23rd Feb. All start at 11.00 at our new venue - Café Joie De Vie, 359 Ballards Lane – opposite the entrance to the Tally Ho! pub. There is a large table at the back where we will be sitting. Please join us.

Eltham 2nd Wednesday each month from 11.0, on 10 December, 14 January, 11 February, 11 March. At Aromateaco Tea Rooms, Pound Place, Eltham SE9 5DN.

Harrow First Wednesday of each month **at the later time of 11.30**. 3rd December 25, 7th January, 4th February and 4th March 26 at the Royal Oak Pub, 86 St Anns Road Harrow.

Walks

Clerkenwell Walk. As above walk had to be cancelled in advance in October 2025 (dreadful weather), new date for walk, Thursday, 16 April 2026, starting at Barbican underground 10.45 for 11.00am. Please email londonpensionersandfriends@outlook.com or telephone Cherrie Carter on 07932 713409 if you would like to attend.

Visits

We have booked a visit to the Peek Freen Museum in Bermondsey for Wednesday 18th March 2026 at 11 a.m. Tour groups are limited to a maximum of 12 people. The museum is located at 100 Drummond Street, SE16 4DG and the nearest underground station is Bermondsey on the Jubilee line, a 5- 10 minute walk away. We can meet beforehand in J'amocha Coffee at 190 Jamaica Road, a minute's stroll from the tube station. Afterwards there are opportunities to eat nearby.

If you would like to join this activity please register your interest by email to Londonpensionersandfriends@outlook.com or telephone Susan Caswell on 0208 886 5119 (answerphone available).

We are working to arrange a number of visits in the New Year. We are looking at 4 possible venues in and around the city and some outdoor events in the Spring.

Kent Area Activities

NWG Kent Pensioners Club have arranged a lunch at the Leather Bottle at Cobham. If you are interested in attending speak with either Christine Cookson on 0208 467 0341, or Bob Doubleday on 01689 836544. Visits late next year include Shoreham Aircraft Museum, Bletchley Park Museum Milton Keynes, and lunches. More to come in future newsletters.

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