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An update

Great response but obviously I should have made some bits clearer so here goes!!

June and July Monday meetings are both Zooms ... the log in details are on both of them. In September we go back to real life at The Bulls Head with a fab presentation by Sarah from Hampton Court in full costume!!

Drinks by the Pond will be an early evening affair - Liz has to confirm final details but we'll be gathering circa 6.30ish - and it will go on for as long as people want it to. Obviously a bit weather dependent but please Lord it will be clement by then!! Full details will be sent nearer the time but let us know if you want to be included ... don't send again if you have already deffo said yes.

Membership drive - stall will run 9 - 3 but we don't expect everyone to do whole thing. We shall make a rota and assuming enough of us envisage 1.5 hours max per person with two/three max per shift. At the moment this has got the least response so a plea from me ... please, please pitch in - I can't expect

Hellloooo

Seems ages since I did a newsletter but actually only four weeks ... not sure where the time goes but it keeps on doing it!!
Wouldn't mind so much but never seem to get to the end of my To Do list before another load of things get added!

That said time marching on means we are inching closer to the re-opening of life as we knew it/will get to know again and I am delighted ... it means we can officially get together properly and see each other in real life ... Hurrah!!

So this newsletter is not just about the next two Zoomies but our real life activities too ...mark you diaries and let us know if you are coming!

Can't wait to see you properly soon

Carrie



It's World Oceans Day on 8th June so tonight Hazel Griffiths will be taking us to the water via her life as a presenter on the Cruise ships that travel to some of the most wonderful places in the world.

Sit back and enjoy a virtual vacation as she shares history, geography and culture of the ports, with useful information and touches of humour to help everyone to have an enjoyable and safe visit when they can do it in real life!!

As always it would help if you could let us know if you are attending or not ... simply click the button below

Log in details

Doors open 19.15

Formal WI bits 19.30

Talk starts 19.40 ish

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81837630163>



Now that a degree of normality is returning we can open our membership up again. So on Saturday 3rd July (9 - 3) we're taking a stand at the Barnes Green Market to not only show off what we have done but to encourage new members to join us.

We're going to have new marketing material and some stylish banners and although Sarah W and Frances L are taking the lead they will need help on the day to hand out leaflets, chat to interested people and generally make a fun thing of it!

If you are up for helping please click the button below ... the more the merrier and muchly

I can help with the membership Drive



This evening, Mildred Freeman, aka The Lady Historian, is going to tell us all about gin! We'll discover the wonderful and downright naughty history of the glorious drink! Starting in the early 1100's and traveling through to our modern gin revolution allow Mildred to regale you with tales of bravery, plague, royalty, law, fuddled Georgians and intoxicated sailors, with one or two Music Hall songs thrown in for good measure! So if gin is your tippie have one poured and ready and let the entertainment begin!

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Topic: Barnes WI Gin Meeting

Time: Jul 5, 2021 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

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I am/am not partaking in gin and it!



At last!! We are so excited and looking forward so much to everyone being able to get together for real

fingers crossed.

So to celebrate we're going to hold a social on Barnes Green - by the OSO Arts Centre and Barnes Pond. We're not planning anything formal, it'll just be a time to see each other and to have a proper catch up.

Get the date in your diaries now - **the first drink is on us!**

I am/am not coming to the pond!

Save the date!



12th August Guards Club, Sheen

19.00 or thereabouts!

**We're tickled pink to announce the world famous
Barnes WI BBQ will happen on the Glorious Twelfth!!**

No pheasant feathers just all things pink

Full details nearer the time but mark it in your diaries .. it's going to be fun!



May 2021

In overview, *Hamnet*, by Maggie O'Farrell, is the tale of Shakespeare's son, who died of the plague, aged 11. However, the book is so much more than that. The story is told from the perspective of his mother, Agnes (or Anne) Hathaway, a healer and herbalist who has almost mystical powers. William is merely 'the husband', never even named. Very little is actually known about Agnes, allowing the author to use her imagination to weave the story. The book is highly descriptive, vividly creating the atmosphere of family life in the countryside and small towns in Tudor times. It also depicts Shakespeare's life travelling to London to write, and act in, his plays, a career little understood by his family. The book was voted by the group a light, enjoyable read.


Our future reading list is as follows:

June	Shuggie Bain	Douglas Bain
Jul	Capital	John Lanchester
Aug	A Thousand Moons	Sebastian Barry
Sep	Hidden Valley Road	Robert Kolker
Oct	The Haunting of Alma Fielding	Kate Summerscale

The next Book Club meetins are on 24th

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