

NETWORK

The Newsletter of Whitton Network

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— Christmas 2018 —



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Christmas is a very special time of the year and I would like to wish all our clients and volunteers a **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2019**. I would also like to say a very big thank you to all our volunteers - without their support Whitton Network would not be able to continue. On behalf of everyone at Whitton Network, I'd also like to give a special big **"THANK YOU"** to our funders,

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF RICHMOND UPON THAMES

HAMPTON FUEL ALLOTMENT CHARITY and to our clients for their many generous donations throughout the year.

Hugh Patterson – Chairman

VOLUNTEER NEWS

Congratulations to Jean Watkin, David Willis, Cary O'Neil, Sheila Wookey and Jenny Lowe on their special birthdays.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WHITTON NETWORK

We could not do our work without our volunteers and we are very grateful for what they do. We always need more volunteers, especially drivers. If you know anyone who might be interested in joining us as a volunteer, please encourage them to contact Whitton Network on 0208 7551336 or www.whittonnetwork.org. We do pay a mileage allowance and will undertake a DBS check at no cost to the volunteer.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will close at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 19 December and reopen on Wednesday 2nd January.

If you need essential transport or help during this period it may be possible to arrange this, but we do need at least a week's notice before the office closes.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WHITTON: CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Will you be alone on Christmas day? If so, come along to the "Churches together in Whitton" Christmas Lunch. It is free and transport will be provided.

For information or to reserve your place, phone Christine Pharro on 020 8893 8575.



SCAM ALERT

CHRISTMAS PARCEL SCAM

Be on your guard over a scam involving a card being posted through your door claiming to be from The Parcel Delivery Service (PDS). The card explains how they were unable to deliver a parcel and advise you to phone a premium rate number to re-arrange a delivery. However, once you call the number and are connected to a recorded message you are automatically charged £300 or a similar amount.

If you have been a victim of a scam please contact the police straight away, and/or report it to the Action Fraud website: www.actionfraud.police.uk

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OUR SERVICES?

We are always looking at ways to improve our services to our clients and we have enclosed a short questionnaire that we hope you will fill in and return.

GARDEN PROJECT 2019

Whitton Network will still be running this service in 2019. Clients who are already on the Garden Project or on the waiting list will need to apply for 2019 and should tick the box on the questionnaire enclosed in our Christmas Mail Out envelope.

SILVERLINE HELPLINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE – 0800 470 8090

The only national confidential and free helpline for older people open every day and night of the year. No question too big. No problem too small ... and no need to be alone!

PICTURES FROM OUR ALBUM



*Left: summer tea party;
top right: Connaught
Opera at Hampton;
right: Jean Watkin's
birthday at the Duke of
Cambridge; below:
Littlehampton outing.*

