

The Wanstead Fringe



For the first time this year Wanstead has its own Fringe. Between Saturday 7 and Saturday 14 September events will be taking place all over Wanstead: music, comedy, baking, talks, walks, photography, cycling, yoga, storytelling and even open air cinema. Most events are free - some you will need to buy tickets for. Details are below - there is more at our website www.wansteadfringe.org where you can also buy tickets. Enjoy the Fringe!

Saturday 7 September

Outdoor yoga

Experience yoga as it was originally intended - exposed to the elements and supported by ancient trees. Times of sessions are: 9am, 2pm, & 3pm. Meet near the church on Christchurch Green. Suitable for all ages - and all sessions are free.

Pop-up drinkable courtyard

Design_meets horticulture meets a nice cup of tea. Designers Pocket of Green are taking over the courtyard at tearoom Time for Tea on Wanstead High St to show how tiny spaces can be transformed. On show all week.

Wanstead Art Trail workshop

The fourth Wanstead Art Trail begins as the Fringe itself begins. As in previous years, local artists are displaying their work in shops and cafes. And on Saturday 7 September an art workshop at Wanstead Library will include demonstrations of paper-cutting art, a drop-in life drawing class, pottery making and stone carving.

Wanstead Photo Walk

A walk with photographer Geoff Wilkinson following some of his routes for the Wanstead Daily Photo blog. He will also give tips on taking photos as the walk goes, so bring your camera.. This is a ticketed event - book online at wansteadfringe.org.

Sunday 8 September

Mad Hatter's Tea Party meets Teddy Bears' Picnic

A tea party (with hats) meets a picnic (with Teddy Bears) on Christchurch Green from 12.30. Bring your own food and everything you need for a picnic, plus a hat or a Teddy Bear,

depending on your choice. And why not bring a home-made cake to share with your fellow Wanstead folk? The picnic will include petanque, and - provided the conkers have ripened - a Wanstead v Snaresbrook v Aldersbrook conker challenge. Bring your own string, and hole-making device, and your own supporters.

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The State We're In

Record spinners The State We're In present an evening of late summer soul, Rare Groove, SKA and Reggae at Bar Room Bar. 6pm onwards. Free entry.

Monday 9 September

The Evergreen Conundrum

A unique event which will bring together multiple parties to consider one of the most contentious issues in Wanstead - the future of the Evergreen Field,

the unused private land on the High Street which is key to Wanstead's green character. How can it be used for the benefit of Wanstead while keeping its open character? If it's put to community use, what kind of activities would bring it to life? Finding a clear, shared vision first would mean the question could then become: 'How do we make it happen?' The conundrum of the field's future will only be cracked through collaboration. All are welcome to the Cherry Tree cafe at 7.30pm - this is a free event.

Tuesday 10 September

Poetry on the Brook

An increasingly popular gathering of folk who like poems, meeting about every two months to read their favourite poems and their own works. It is an informal, friendly opportunity to share ideas and words. All are welcome to Aldersbrook Library. Free entry but bring a bottle/snack.

Music at the Larder

A gig at Wanstead's favourite coffee shop, featuring Michael Mullinger, Liza Finn and the Larder's very own Bleech.

Wednesday 11 September

Wanstead Photo Evening

Photographer Geoff Wilkinson will discuss the stories and techniques behind five photos, and also discusses photos anyone has brought along. This is a ticketed event. Book online at wansteadfringe.org.

Made in Wanstead: Very short talks about what you love

Whether it's growing vegetables, writing books, building Lego or raising children, everyone has a

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craft they love. Come to listen to stories about what people do, and why they do it. But come too to share what you love making. Share your trials and tribulations, your triumphs and your disasters – tell us a story or show us a picture, and you just might find that you inspire others. Talks will be just five-to-10 minutes long, and in the small and friendly venue of the Oxfam Bookshop on Wanstead High Street, there is bound to be a good atmosphere.

Thursday 12 September

East End Crime Night

Local crime writers talk about what inspires them about life in East London and why it's such fertile ground for them. Anya Lipska and fellow crime writer Barbara Nadel will be reading from their books and talking about how the East End inspires their work. Barbara is the author of the Hakim and Arnold crime novels, and Anya is the author of the novel *Where the Devil Can't Go*, set among East End Poles. She lives in Wanstead and is working on the second book in the series. This event will be held at The Larder where drinks will be served.

Curry meets beer meets music

An evening of curry, beer and music at the Lane restaurant on Nightingale Green. The beer will come via the Wanstead Tap, purveyor of many local real ales. This should be a classic combination.

Friday 13 September

Open air cinema

KINEMA

At long last, the cinema returns to Wanstead! Many years after the Kinema on the High Street closed, a screening will take place at the Wanstead Cricket

Club ground in Overton Drive. At the end of the first few days back at school this will be the perfect family way to cling on to summer while we can. Bring picnic blankets, cushions, jumpers, and even something to eat. The club's bar will be open and coffee will be served too. There will be a modest charge to cover costs - buy your tickets early at www.wansteadfringe.org

Music at the Larder II

A Friday night gig at the Larder, featuring Ben Kelly, Ali MacQueen, Georgia Newman and Mick Terry.

Saturday 14 September

Children's storytelling workshop

Tony Cranston is a well respected storyteller who travels the world collecting, writing and telling stories. He is the award winning author of nine story and activity books. He is also the teacher of the very popular Yoga classes at Wanstead House. During this workshop at St Gabriel's church hall in Aldersbrook, he will tell stories collected from his travels and also a true local story legend or two. It promises to be an interactive and fun event with story activities and story games. Suitable for all ages. 10.30am to 12.30pm. This is a ticketed event - you can get tickets in advance online at wansteadfringe.org.

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Kids' cycle challenge

Race against the clock on a kids' obstacle course. There's a prize for the fastest in each age category, and there are also classes for cycles or scooters. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet on Christchurch Green between 11am and 1pm.

Wanstead Photo Walk II

A third walk through Wanstead with photographer Geoff Wilkinson as he follows some of his routes for his Wanstead Daily Photo blog. Today's route will include: Nightingale Lane, The Old Seaman's Orphanage on Hermon Hill, Eagle Lane, Eagle Pond and Snaresbrook.

Wanstead Art Trail workshop II

The second art workshop run as part of the Wanstead Art Trail will take place again at Wanstead Library. A drop-in life drawing session from 11.30am-1.30pm, will be conducted by Wanstead House tutor Patrick Purcell. There will also be demonstrations of making pottery, jewellery and even soap. Sally Asbury and Angela Daley will run a workshop on card-making from 11.30am-2pm.

The Wanstead Village Show

The show invites you to grow, bake, arrange, make and create all sorts of things: jams, cakes, flower displays, home-grown vegetables, photographs. It's all a celebration of creativity and craft. Check wansteadfringe.org for details of the various classes of awards, and for more about the **Cherry Pie Bake-Off**, a revival of an ancient Wanstead tradition - immortalised on the wall of the George.

WANSTEAD COMEDY NIGHT FRINGE FINALE!

Every Fringe needs comedy, and ours goes out in style with a special event arranged by the regular Wanstead Comedy Night. On the bill at the Wanstead Golf Club are stand-up comedians David Hadingham, Phil Alexander, Matt Baylis and Sheraz Yousuf. Buy your tickets in advance at our website wansteadfringe.org for this night which is not to be missed.

Details of events may change. For the latest info and to book tickets go to wansteadfringe.org

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