

# FRINGE NEWS



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## Another triumph – but the work is just starting

The eleventh Wanstead Fringe festival was another record-breaker, with more than 120 different events taking place all over Wanstead and more than 3,700 tickets sold.

There were lots of annual favourites – the tours of St Mary's crypt, the Jumble Trail and the open air Kinema among them – but there was also a huge number of new ventures too, including magic, recitals, choirs and our first family book day with dozens of children taking part in story sessions with authors.

The biggest single innovation was the launch of the Wanstead Curtain, a new theatre, performance space and home for our indoor Kinema screenings. The venue is a transformation of the hall at Wanstead Methodist Church – and as you'll see overleaf, events are continuing there even though September is over. Our mission is to make the Wanstead Curtain an all-year-round venue – we have assembled an amazingly talented team of enthusiasts to help make this happen.

If you think you would like to be involved in this really exciting project please do email Elsa at [volunteers@wansteadfringe.org](mailto:volunteers@wansteadfringe.org).

If you want to support us another way, why not become a **member of the Wanstead Fringe?** It costs £10 – more if you like – and is a great way to get involved and help build a different future for Wanstead.

**Thank you!**

The Wanstead Fringe exists because of volunteers, event organisers, venue hosts, ticket-buyers and our faithful sponsors: Petty Son & Prestwich, Edwards Duthie Shamash, North London Loft Rooms, Two Toms, The Duke, East London Brewing Co, Compassionate Funerals, Wanstead Bookshop and City Place Coffee. Our thanks to them, and to the Wanstead Society which supported us for several years, and the Wanstead Beer Festival for its donation.