

Dear All,

I am sorry that we have not sent you an Update recently. We were trying to have a recovery break over Christmas and New Year but that was interrupted by having to make new plans for WAC in order to cope with Tier 4 and rising concerns re virus. You will not be surprised to know that WAC is now firmly shut except for minimal essential things involved in keeping WAC going. A few of us have been very actively doing that for months and please note that **THAT THIS IS SO YOU CAN ALL COME BACK and in a few months**, which requires that everyone looks after themselves carefully until then.

I'm sure many people are still phoning one another regularly and keeping one another's spirits up as far as possible. It has dragged on and everyone now seems fed up but reopening and seeing friends again will be coming.

Some of the tutors at WAC worked hard to learn how to put sessions on to Zoom so people could still get some benefits. List attached of session being run by WAC people. If you haven't been going on them why not try? If you don't know how to use Zoom then Zoom itself has clear guidance you can look for online. Or you can still ask Chris for advice chrisdwac@gmail.com or if you e-mail David wac.office1971@gmail.com he can forward your request to Akin. Given the current Virus position people come into WAC to use computers but Chris or Akin may still be able to help you sort computer problems out over the phone.

If anyone wants to improve their computer skills at home Chris says there is a free online course for beginners on <https://www.learnmyway.com/>. If that is too basic for anyone he can point to more advanced stuff. Ask him on chrisdwac@gmail.com

As during the earlier lockdown we are keeping WAC open for people to call if they need to. Tel 020 7261 1404

Mondays 10-3 Val, David, Alan

Weds 10-3 David Jenny, Wasim

Fridays 9-2 Val, Alan

If there's cold snap or ice on the pavements the above will not apply. We are asking most people to walk in and we would not want them to do that if weather was too bad.

Just mentioned because coming weeks are often Britain's coldest.

You can contact David by email wac.office1971@gmail.com or me on jennystileswac@gmail.com

Other info we have been asked to pass on - **Ready, steady, census!**

Since 1801 every decade (except 1941) there has been an official nationwide survey of housing and the population. So next is coming soon. Census day for this decade is March 21. Households will receive a letter with a unique access code in the post, allowing them to complete their questionnaire online. Paper questionnaires will be available on request. Please complete the form when you get it. Information gained helps decide how services are planned and funded in local areas. This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, housing or new bus routes. So it is important that it is as accurate as possible. For more information, visit [census.gov.uk](https://www.census.gov.uk).

Take care.

Best wishes Jenny

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