

## **CHAIRMAN'S NEWSLETTER JULY 2020**

Dear TWC Members

When restrictions lifted a little and we were once more able to visit, and be visited by, family and friends, we probably treated some of the gloomy forecasts for the Autumn with more than a little suspicion and scepticism. At the very least we'd all be meeting at Christmas! Or that's what we thought!

But it hasn't worked out like that, has it? We are threatened with a second spike of COVID 19 and will be lucky if we can even celebrate the Lunar New Year in the usual way. If we can, then what a party that will be!

However, out of the negatives can come positives if we only look for them and don't let them pass us by. Positives for TWC were WhatsApp - which we will keep going with a separate Committee Members WhatsApp, for ease of communication - our Lockdown project (the E-Cookbook) and a lovely calendar created from photos posted on WhatsApp. Some of us have actually ventured into very different pastures - through the gate marked "ZOOM" - and not without some hiccups along the way. So we will have three Zoom events in the next 3 months: a demonstration of origami, a celebration of Diwali and a Christmas Celebration.

At a recent Committee Meeting by Zoom, we decided to send out an Autumn Letter but as it may not arrive in time for everyone to sign up for the first of these events a flyer is attached. This is a demonstration of Origami by Kuniko Tamai who has previously shown us how to wear a kimono and introduced us to the Japanese Tea Ceremony.

Incidentally, if any of you are tempted to join our WhatsApp group, don't be shy. There's no obligation to take photographs, post cartoons or whatever; it's just a good way of keeping touch and giving each other some support when needed.

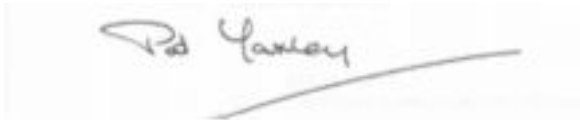
The TWC calendar for 2021 which I have mentioned is with the printer and should be available very soon. An Order Form will be included with the mailing. We have not ordered too big a print run - largely because of difficulties in distribution- so if you like the look of the calendar, it may be wise to order early.

I cannot end this message without reference to the sudden deaths of Antonia Derry and also of Fatimah Gammage's husband, Peter, who looked after our website - both on the same day and both hugely missed

With all good wishes,

Pat Yaxley

Chairman

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