



Dear 'Walthamstow Memories' visitor/contributor,



Snowman in Vallentin Rd., Walthamstow - 2010

Just cannot believe it will be Christmas in a few days time and, soon enough, year 2011 will be greeting us all! We at "Walthamstow Memories" do wish that the new year will bring all the best possible: may your hopes be fulfilled in peace, wealth and good health!

During 2010, thanks to your interest, concern and assistance, we've been able to considerably expand the contents of our site: more pages, more subjects, more emails (the 2010 Postbag has hit a record of entries, surpassing all expectations). We have made our experiments (the "live chat" was one, which we shall reconsider perhaps in the future..) and tried to upkeep the site at its best. There are still some parts which deserve improvements, of course, and that will be our task in 2011.

One project we are working on is the "2011 WM Gathering", which we plan to hold in the period June/July: we would really like you to provide us with suggestions, to make it a really big event. Our idea would be to have 2-3 days together, thus providing info for good accommodation for those who travel a long way, organising meetings with resident associations (including the local Council), guided visits to some 'historical' spots, perhaps some musical event, etc... and - why not? - a stroll along the market.. With all this in mind, we also wondered if we could mark this special event with a tangible sign of love and consideration for the place where we, or our families, live or lived in the past. And the most obvious solution was to contact the "Vestry House Museum" in order to find out whether we could be of any support. The staff there were most happy to hear of this project and have provided us with a list of reasonable areas in which we could act: from museum grade containers, to mannequins. Now, considering that there are over 200 subscriptions to our newsletter, we really think that we could all together do a lot of good! All the details are available in the appropriate page of the site "2011 WM Gathering Appeal" or just click un the button below:



During the 2011 Gathering, we will organise a meeting at the "Vestry House Museum" to officially hand over the donations we shall have received. A plaque will be also provided, to be affixed within the Museum, as a memento. We find this very exciting and do count on your generous support to make it happen...

You may see that the project is composed by a number of small goals, so we can build up gradually - you may even make more than one donation over the period from now to May 2011...

Don't be shy: <u>Send in your opinions & suggestions</u>: John & I always welcome your comments and... critics too.

You may be a regular visitor or perhaps just occasional. In the latter case, we invite you to return soon and browse to see what's new and, possibly drop in your views. Why not visit now?

Kindest regards and our hearty good wishes for a happy New Year!



## P.S. - This site is entirely run on a voluntary basis and greatly depends on the personal stories & pictures you so kindly provide us with... Please continue to <u>send</u> them in!

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