

Whipps Cross Voices

December 2022



Latest news

As the weather has turned chilly it certainly feels more Christmassy and we hope you enjoy this festive photo from the archive of nurses enjoying a snowball fight in 1954.

Although there aren't any project events at the moment we are still busy in the background. Our final oral histories for the year are being recorded this week and we've come a long way since our first interviews in June, adding 15 new recordings to the archive. Each one brings something new to the story of the hospital and we thank everyone who has generously given their time to share with us.

Earlier in December Frazer visited Whipps Cross to record in the chapel and returned this week to hear the hospital bell ring in the 50th FRCS course. We're all very excited to add these sounds to the collection as well as hearing Frazer's plans. Keep an eye - or ear - out for more news on this next year.

Believe it or not we're actually heading into the final few months of the project. We have exceeded our expectations of what was possible and still have time to go before we

wrap up in the spring. Many thanks to everyone who has given their time to volunteer, contribute, donate or keep up with us this year.

Of course, if any of this has reminded you of something you've been meaning to send our way please [contact us](#) to tell us more. We're still on the lookout for the staff newsletter Roots of the Forest.

What we found out

Could you spend a few hours over the winter months selecting photos and documents that tell the story of Whipps Cross Hospital? Is there a stand out memory, place or person you think other people would like to know about? Would you enjoy working with other people as part of an exhibition team?

As we head into the final months of the project we're inviting you to join our volunteer team to prepare some displays, both physical and online. This will involve reviewing images and documents from the archive, choosing stories and writing captions and short exhibition text to explain it to people. All our planning will be done in a small working group meeting over zoom. We'll have 4-5 online sessions in January and February with displays to be completed in March 2023.

If you would like to join us on the team please let us know and we'll be in touch early in January to make a start.

Dates for your diary

We won't be running any events over the winter months but will be back in March for our final dates at Whipps Cross and at the archives at Barts. We hope you'll be able to make it.

Very best wishes and wishing you all a happy Christmas!

Kate and Claire

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