REPORTING religion is the theme of the LFB meeting on Monday 11 November. Our speakers will include Ruth Peacock, Launch Director and Trustee of the Religion Media Centre, together with some of her colleagues.

Ruth is a former BBC reporter, producer and editor specialising in religious affairs. The Religion Media Centre (www.religionmedia-centre.org.uk) has a mission to help “journalists and other media professionals to cover religion”.

We also expect in this meeting to vote on some proposed motions from the Branch to go before the NUJ’s Delegate Meeting (DM, its conference every two years). The next one’s in April in Southport. Please see the “meetings” page (link below) for details.

The LFB gathering on Monday 9 December is a festive end-of-year party for freelancers whose existence is often overlooked at such corporate Xmas gatherings for staffers. It starts at the usual time (below) but it’s a different venue – it’s at St Anne’s, 55 Dean St, W1D 6AF; nearest Tube Piccadilly Circus. There will be free food and some free drinks.

On Monday 13 January LFB has its Annual General Meeting (AGM) during which it elects new members of its Committee. See www.londonfreelance.org/lfb/jobs.html for Committee posts (some are paid) and what each of them entails.

This went to press on 30 September. Your deadline for the November online-only issue is 30 October.

LFB meetings (except for new members’ meetings) are always on the second Monday of the month, from 6.45pm to 8.45pm in the basement of the NUJ’s HQ at Headland House, 72 Acton Street, London WC1X 9NB, accessible to people who use wheelchairs. The nearest Tube is King’s Cross or Chancery Lane. If you need the Branch to pay for care for a child or dependent so you can attend a meeting, contact a Branch Officer.

For updates on meetings and for confirmation of themes and speakers for forthcoming meetings, see the Branch calendar web page www.londonfreelance.org/lfb/meetings.html and LFB’s Twitter feed www.twitter.com/NUJ_LFB.

Can members who have difficulty reading the agenda on paper please contact us to get the agenda in electronic form ahead of the meeting?

We draw members’ attention to the microphone that will be passed to you if you indicate you wish to speak at a meeting. This is so that our members with hearing problems can hear you via the induction loop.

For updated guidance on etiquette on recording or live-tweeting from LFB meetings, see our policy at www.londonfreelance.org/fl/1507film.html.

EVEN IN the event of a no-deal Brexit, LFB’s new members meeting will go ahead on Thursday 31 October.

Yes, for added excitement, the next new members meeting will be a few hours before the UK is (or was – maybe – at the time of writing) scheduled to leave the EU.

As usual, this free event is a chance to meet other members new to LFB. On hand will be also some veteran journalists who’ve been with LFB for absolutely ages, who can share their experience of freelancing and give advice. Halloween masks and costumes are strictly optional.

New members’ meetings are always on the last Thursday of every third month (regardless of whether or not it’s an “Exiting the EU” day).

The October event is, as ever, at The Camera Museum, Museum Street, London WC1A 1LY on Thursday 27 July 2017 from 6pm. The nearest Tube is Holborn.

A successful LFB new members’ meeting in July: image © Francesca Marchese

NEW MEMBERS MEET

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THE BRANCH COMMITTEE

Your Branch needs you

THERE IS a vacancy for a Welfare Officer for London Freelance Branch, to support members in trouble. Some of the work of the Branch Welfare Officers involves making applications to the NUJ charity, NUJ Extra, on behalf of members in need. There are some problems members get into that no amount of money can solve, so other tasks include listening to members, advising them and counselling them. This may include home visits or meeting up with members to discuss their issues.

LFB has two Welfare Officers – where possible one male and one female. Currently Tim Dawson is our male Welfare Officer – see his guide to what a Welfare Officer does at www.londonfreelance.org/lfb/welfare.html and we have a vacancy for a female Welfare Officer. If you are interested in standing, come to a Branch meeting or contact a member of the Branch Committee: www.londonfreelance.org/lfb/contact.html.

The Branch Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 13 January 2020 will elect a new Committee and also the delegation to the Union’s Delegate Meeting (conference) in Southport on 24-26 April. For the Committee posts and what they entail, see www.londonfreelance.org/lfb/jobs.html and for more on standing as a delegate see our advice ahead of the previous DM at www.londonfreelance.org/fl/1711dm.html

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