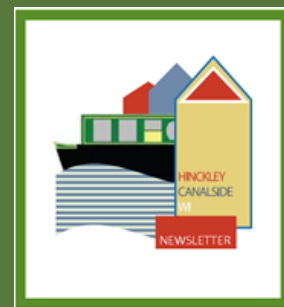


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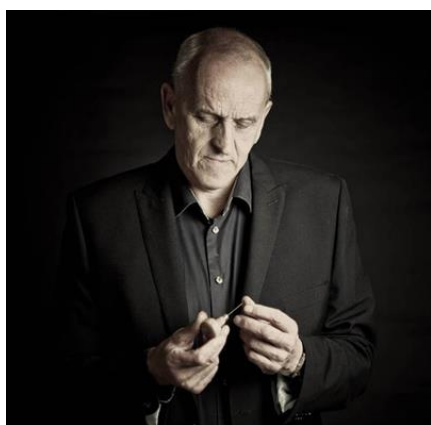
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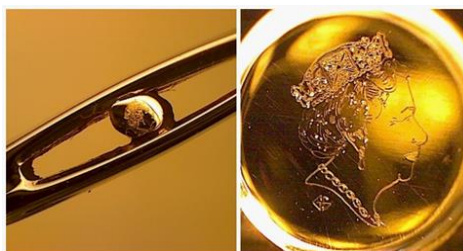
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CHANGE OF SPEAKER FOR JULY MEETING



First of all, can I remind you that the July Meeting will be open to visitors free of charge. You are welcome to invite a family member or friend to this meeting – and, yes, men are welcome on this occasion!

Known as 'the world's smallest engraver' for his miniature masterpieces, Graham Short has spent over 50 years going to physical and mental extremes to produce the highest-quality engravings ever seen. Appearing in news features internationally and the subject of a Discovery Channel documentary, Graham is now considered one of the most talented living artists in the world.' (Adapted from Art Profile on the internet.)



Portrait of the Queen engraved inside the eye of a needle.

QUIZ NIGHT



Canalside Quiz Night – Please Come Along! Ticket Monies and Supper Choices Needed at the July Meeting

Canalside WI Quiz Night at the Stoke Golding Club on Wednesday 7th August. The committee are organizing a quiz night to raise funds for Canalside WI. Are you up for a challenge? Test your general knowledge!

Tickets will be on sale at our next meeting. Cost £8, to include a fish and chip supper (vegetarian option available.) Maximum of 6 per team. Bring family and friends. This event is open to non-members, male and female. Bar and raffle; 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.

CHARITY MARKET STALL HINCKLEY



Charity Stall in Hinckley Market on Saturday 10th August to Raise Funds for Canalside WI

At the July meeting, we will continue to collect items to sell on the charity stall. We need your support to make this venture a success!

We shall be selling cakes, homemade jams and chutneys, produce from gardens and plants. Also we want to sell bric-a-brac, books, toys, handbags and scarves. We will not be selling clothes. Here is your opportunity to have a summer sort out and bring in those unwanted items!

Arrangements for Donations of Non - Perishable Items.

You can bring these to the July meeting or to Tricia Sykes' home on the 4th August onwards. Tricia will leave her porch open. Tricia's address is at the end of this item.

Arrangements for Donations of Perishable Items.

If you would like to donate cakes and plants, produce from your garden, you can bring them to the charity stall on the morning of the event.

We will not know the exact location of the charity stall beforehand, but it will be in the central area of the market – we won't be hard to find! The stall will be available to set up from 8.00am.

Alternatively, Tricia Sykes has agreed to deliveries at her home! Tricia will leave her porch open on Wednesday 7th, Thursday 8th and Friday 9th August.

Tricia's address is: 25 Linden Rd, Hinckley, LE10 0AR. Phone: 07586 830309.

Can you help? Can you spare some time on Saturday August 10th to man the charity market stall?

If we have several volunteers then we can set up a rota so that this task is shared.

The stall will need manning from 8.00am until about 4.00pm.

Please sign up at the County Events' desk and THANK YOU!

CHARITY FUNDRAISING EVENT



Charity fundraising event for Age UK Hinckley and Earl Shilton on Tues 9th July at 6.30pm. Venue Hollycroft Park. If you would like to take part the sponsor forms will be available at our next meeting.

Optional fancy dress and there will be a small prize for the best costume.

ROYAL ASCOT AT BADGERS MOUNT

Our annual day out to Royal Ascot Ladies Day, Badgers Mount, was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. We backed some winners, but missed out on the best hat or best outfit prizes this year!



NFWI ANNUAL MEETING



Delegate's Report on the NFWI Annual Meeting in Bournemouth International Centre, June 5th.

Canalside member, Heather White, was the Watling Group delegate this year. Here is her report. A big thank you to Heather for all the time and effort she has invested as our delegate.

Firstly, may I thank you all for inviting me to represent you all at this year's federation meeting – a first for me. It was a pleasure to meet and liaise with other members of the Leicestershire and Rutland Federation and exchange views and ideas. I think, by the time I write this, that Bournemouth may have recovered

from the influx of, approximately, 4,000 women – most 'of a certain age'!

Federation Information

The Chair's address reported on several national developments and achievements.

It was noted that 100 years of campaigning by the WI shows no sign of diminishing. Last year's resolutions, aimed at improving mental health and environmental issues, have resulted in the development of various resources and training being rolled out across the country. An inspirational video featuring Climate Ambassadors, encouraged us to join in with the National Rally to Westminster on June 26th.

The future of Denman College remains a concern as finances are still running at a deficit. If it were not for generous donations and the 'Save Denman' initiative the problem would be far worse. A new business model is, therefore, needed.

Guest Speakers

Maggie Philbin was an excellent speaker and spoke about a topic close to my heart – supporting young people from some of our more challenged communities. Her initiative called TeenTech works with young people to help them develop confidence and skills by getting involved with science and technology. Her enthusiasm and success of TeenTech has resulted in an increased uptake of science and technology in schools – particularly amongst young women.

Lord Bradley of Withington is Chair of the Care not Custody Coalition and is no stranger to WI campaigns. Following Lord Bradley's report 2009, the rollout of the National Liaison and Diversion services is now underway across the criminal justice system. This is a system of 'triage' and screening of individuals which is undertaken at their first point of contact with the judicial system. 72.5 thousand referrals of those suffering from mental health issues of dependencies have now been made to the Diversion and Liaison Service, securing support for vulnerable individuals. Lord Bradley also reported upon the developing Government Strategy for Women Offenders, which will have a significant impact on reducing

the number of women within the prison system. I was also fascinated to hear about the development of a number of Prison WIs.



Resolutions

Both resolutions provoked stimulating debate. Expert speakers encouraged us to consider the pros and cons of each of the two resolutions – although no expert to speak against the 'Don't fear the Smear' could be found. Speakers from the floor were both measured and, sometimes, emotional. One speaker, quite rightly in my opinion, implored us to think particularly of those who were "not just ladies like us". Generally, the points made by both experts and members reflected the discussions we have held in our own meetings.

The voting was as follows;

A call against the decline in local bus services FOR 5,729 AGAINST 262 (96% majority)

Don't fear the smear FOR 5,788 AGAINST 194 (97% majority)



Observations

I found my first Annual Meeting both thought-provoking and enlightening. The range of speakers and experts prompted good natured discussion and it was interesting for me to learn more about

the workings of the organisation – although some uses of jargon left me feeling a little puzzled and, at times, excluded. In her closing remarks the Chair reminded us of the WI ideals – Fellowship, Truth, Tolerance and Justice – encouraging us to celebrate and welcome our diversity. This did lead me to have an interesting conversation with our own Federation Secretary about the present picture across Leicestershire. Maybe, this is something that we can actively consider within our individual WIs. After all, from equal pay to climate change, from gaps in the midwifery workforce to the plight of the honey bee, WI members have embraced a diverse set of challenges and built a reputation for the WI as a practical and ambitious organisation that doesn't shy away from tricky issues

LOROS STAMPS



Please be sure to save the stamps for LOROS and pass to me at the meetings. Tricia.

SALES TABLE

There will be a sales table on Wednesday. Please bring your items to sell and have a look at what's for sale.

Thanks, Cath.

CAKE MAKERS



Thank you to the following for volunteering to bake or buy cakes for our meeting on Wednesday 3rd July: Linda Griffiths, Teresa Leavitt, Mary Groombridge, Gill Hamilton, Helen Staniforth, Ann Bowles, Elaine Taylor and Freda Bunting. The reserve is Maureen Garlick.

Those who bring or buy cakes will not be required to pay for their refreshments. Please get a ticket when you take the cakes to the kitchen. If you are unable to provide cakes for the meeting, please let me know at pat.mcs@hotmail.com or 07714097947.

FRUIT IS A WELCOME ALTERNATIVE TO CAKE ☺

A big thank you to you all.

SPARE WOOL



Members Need your Support! Any Spare Wool?

Canalside WI member, Sheila Phillips, knits blankets and hats for the LRI Intensive Care Baby Unit. Any unwanted soft baby wool can be put to very good use. Please speak to Sheila or Mandy.

2019 CHARITY

The local branch of Age UK is our chosen charity for this year. In support I will be working, every Thursday afternoon as a volunteer at the shop in Castle Street.



The Manager is short of volunteers and needs help, especially on Wednesday morning. Is anyone free and able to help?

If so, call in and speak to the Manager. The shop also needs stock. Can I ask members to donate: clothes, shoes, handbags, books, bric- a- brac and toys. They are all needed.

If 100 members donated 5 items that would produce 500 items of stock.

Counting on your support. Tricia.

CUPCAKE DECORATING EVENT



Thursday 26 September 2019.

7.30pm - 10.00pm

St John's Church, Hinckley.

FREE EVENT

Come along and try a new skill. Learn new piping techniques with a professional.

All you need to do is bring 6 to 12 plain/undecorated cupcakes - all other equipment will be provided.

Tea and coffee provided.

Optional: a small donation of cakes on the night for the Macmillan Coffee Morning, Friday 27th September 2019 would be much appreciated.

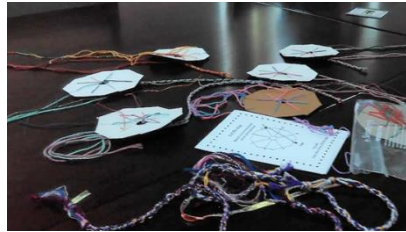
SKITTLES



Skittles starts later on in the year. If anyone has not yet put their name down could they please speak to Gill Hannah at the July meeting.

Clubs

BITS AND BOBS CRAFT CLUB



At this meeting Pat Grant joined us to demonstrate making braid on a cardboard disc as she'd done at the Canalside social, for the benefit of those who'd missed it. It was a successful evening and several took home another set to show grandchildren how to make it. This was the last meeting before the summer break; we next meet on 17th September. Please bring along your own project to work on and we can discuss what we would like to try at the following meetings.

Our group is always open to new members joining with us, no particular skills are needed, just a chance to get together in a small group and enjoy the socializing with a chat and a drink. So if you'd like to give it a try please come along. We meet at The Greyhound pub on the third Tuesday of the month in the upstairs room at 7pm.

Any queries contact: suehurst@btinternet.com, or find me out at the W.I. meeting

DARTS CLUB



Still enjoying playing darts and getting to know some lovely people from other WIs.

However, June has not been a very successful month for our two teams. The A Team lost to Stoke Golding 6-1 and the B Team lost to Narborough and Littlethorpe 4-3. We promise to try harder in future ☺. Sometimes the results do not reflect the performances!!!

If you are interested in playing or supporting our teams have a word with me or Jo Harvey (at Trips and Events desk) at the meeting. You can also contact me at pat.mcs@hotmail.com

or 07714097947.

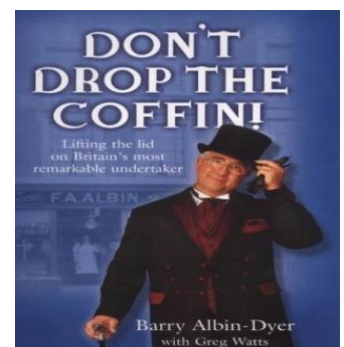
CROCHET AND KNITTING CLUB



Lisa meets twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Plough Inn, in the function room out the back @ 6.30pm – 8.30pm alongside the Cosy Yarn Knitting Group who are there from 6-8pm every week. The pub serves hot drinks, as well as the usual pub beverages; anyone is welcome. Feel free to come, bring a friend and learn to crochet or just enjoy the company.

BOOK CLUB

Unfortunately we had to cancel our June meeting. Several of the regulars were unable to attend and there had been some difficulties with getting the book. However, we shall discuss the book 'Don't Drop the Coffin' by Barry Albin Dyer at the start of our July meeting, where the book for discussion is 'The Adoption' by Anne Berry.



For those of you looking ahead, 'The Sunrise' by Victoria Hislop is our book for August.

All are welcome to come along even if you have not read the books. We meet on the Thursday after our meeting from 1 to 3pm in the room at the back of the Greyhound Pub.

WALKING GROUP



June Walk: Ten of us - and dog Skye - very much enjoyed the walk around Shenton on the morning of the 19th June. The scenery along the Ashby Canal was both beautiful and tranquil. Having crossed the old railway bridge, we walked through the woods to Shenton Station and on across a lane and fields to Whitemoors, where we enjoyed lunch and a chat in the garden. Many thanks to Joy Wright for leading this walk.



July Walk: On Wednesday 17th July we will complete a circular walk around Ullesthorpe and Claybrooke Magna, starting at 'The Chequers Country Inn', Main Street, Ullesthorpe, LE17 5BT. We will meet up at 10.50 pm to start walking at 11.00am. There is a field which usually has sheep, sometimes with their young, so dogs will need to be on a lead. This walk is just under 3 miles long, takes in fields as well as lanes and there are no stiles. Please sign up at the trips desk.

'The Chequers' is dog friendly.

Directions: Hinckley to Ullesthorpe (LE17 5BT)

- Join A5 East (heading for Smockington Hollow, Lutterworth/M1)
- At the A5 HIGHCROSS JUNCTION (Fosse Way) turn left onto WOODWAY LANE – STAY ON THIS ROAD.
- GO THROUGH CLAYBROOKE PARVA INTO ULLESTHORPE, approx. 1.6 miles on. The Chequers Inn and pub CAR PARK are on your left in the village centre.



EVENTS

For bookings please contact Jo Harvey on 07967 959107 or Julie Edwards on 07411 821805

Date	Event
Tuesday July 9th. 6-30pm	Starting at Hollycroft Park. Sponsored Fitness Walk in aid of Age UK (local branch). Sponsorship forms now available.
Wed. August 7th. 7 pm for 7-30 pm	Quiz and Fish and Chip supper (vegetarian option available), £8 per person. Max 6 per team. Stoke Golding Social Club.
August 22nd 2pm.	VISIT TO STONELEIGH ABBEY HOUSE AND GARDENS. JANE AUSTEN TOUR AT @ 2pm. Approx 1 hour followed by tea/ coffee and cake Then time to enjoy the gardens. Cost £15. Transport will be by car. Can you say if you need a lift or are willing to drive. NAMES AT JUNE MEETING PLEASE.
Sat Sept 7th.	Trip to Lincoln. £15.50 per person, local pickups - The Marina and Burbage Church. Tickets on sale at June meeting.
Thurs 3rd October. 7:30pm.	Elton John's Aida, Concordia Theatre, Hinckley. Cost approx. £12. Please leave names at Trips desk to give indication of how many tickets are needed. Please note the date is different to that on the programme card given to members.
Saturday 5th October. Possibly 10 am.	UK Theatre Ballet School, Hinckley. Rehearsal of Wizard of Oz Production. Time to be confirmed. Please leave names at Trips desk to give indication of how many tickets are needed.
Wednesday 13th November. 7:30pm.	EVITA at Concordia Theatre Hinckley. Cost approx. £12. Please leave names at Trips desk to give indication of how many tickets are needed.
Friday 25/10/19 7.30pm start	Barn Dance at Ashby Road Sports Club, £7 to include light refreshments

TRIP NOTICE

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE TRIPS OUT. Please note: when members sign up for trips they need to put down an emergency phone number of who the organizer is to contact in the event of an accident, illness, admission to hospital or a serious event. This is a safeguarding measure for the benefit of all members and their guests.

COUNTY TRIPS AND EVENTS

If you are interested in any county event please book with me at the County Events Desk. Judith Smith.

Friday, 5 July 2019 at 7.30pm. Hollycroft WI is hosting the federation quiz at the **Stoke Golding Club**, £4.50 per person. Teams of four only.

Croquet Taster Session, 10th July, Leicester Croquet Club. Come and enjoy a taste of this summer game. 2pm or 7pm Humberstone, £10 per person.

Faith Visit, Evington Mosque, new dates available on **9th July and 16th July**.

Weston Park, August 7th, £22 per person. Enjoy this 17th century house and gardens with a lake and miniature railway. Included is a guided tour of the house and art gallery.

Westminster Abbey visit, 4th September, cost £35. Coach leaving WI House at 8,30am.

Crazy Golf at Blaby Golf Centre, 11th September. 10.30am - 12.30pm. Cost £5.50. Teams of 2 - 6.

Hide and Seek - finding those with type 2 diabetes. 25th September at 7.00pm at Beedles Golf Course. Cost £8.

Abba Tribute. Friday 27th September 7.30 - 10.30pm at Birstall Social Club. Tickets, £12.

Burton on Trent Brewery and Museum Tour. 5th October. 9.00am from WI House. Cost £25.

A-Z Leicester Street Walk. 29th October, 11.00am and 2.00pm. Meet at the Town Hall steps. Cost £5.

Lunch Club Audition, Friday 20th September at WI House, 12.30pm - 2.30pm. Tickets: £7.00. Enjoy a light two-course lunch and a short talk/demonstration by two new speakers.

Taste and Try! Wednesday, 25th September, 7.30pm at Castle Donington Village Hall. Tickets: £8. A short cookery demonstration, a chance to sample lots of tasty food, be inspired by a flower demonstration and take home a recipe leaflet of all the dishes served



Goldwork Techniques, Saturday, 12th October at WI House. Tickets: £20.00 (plus £3 per person will be charged for materials on the day). Use metallic threads and learn the basics of this style of embroidery.

Autumn Lunch, Sunday 13th October, 11.30am for drinks/coffee, 12.30pm lunch, Greetham Valley Golf Club, Tickets: £28 (for two course lunch).



Grow It! Cook It! Eat It! Saturday, 19th October, 10.00am for 10.30am at Goodwood Bowls Club. Tickets £25. Let June Norris inspire you to make the most of this year's harvest, pick up tippie tips from Sue Lobb, enjoy a home-cooked two course lunch and wonder at the glorious Autumn colours in flower arrangements by Beverley Artis.



Christmas Crafts Dabble Day, Saturday 2nd November at Swannington Village Hall. 10.00am-3.00pm. Tickets: £10. A fun-filled day where you will be able to try at least 5 different crafts, all with Christmas in mind.



Christmas Lights at Kew Gardens, Wednesday, 4th December, £32 per person. 3 different boarding points for the coach, leaving in the afternoon. All to leave Kew Gardens 8.30pm. Free time in Kew Village before 5.00pm entry. See Kew Gardens transform into a magical 'after dark' explosion of festive colour!