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HINCKLEY CANALSIDE WI

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4th December 2019

POSSIBLE CHANGE OF VENUE

Possible change of venue for Canalside WI's monthly meetings.

Dear Members, we have enjoyed our monthly meetings at St John's Church Hall on Coventry Road since the start of our WI in 2011. However, due to ongoing and increasingly difficult issues, including heating and the use of IT, the committee have reached the conclusion that moving to an alternative venue will be better in the long term.

So we have researched a move to the Mary Forryan Centre, at St Peter's Church, Leicester Road, Hinckley. The advantages in doing so are as follows:

- more car parking space
- outdoor space
- tables that we can use
- dependable IT equipment
- consistent heating
- an emergency contact number

In terms of costs, the rental charges are very similar for the two venues. The date and time of the monthly meetings would remain the same – usually, the first Wednesday in the month.

The committee have given this matter careful consideration and hope that we can rely on your support.

The hall at the Mary Forryan Centre offers comfortable, modern facilities.

Obviously, you need to be consulted about your preference. If you wish to register your objection to this proposal, then a slip has been included in your Christmas posting package, to be returned by the January 8th meeting at the latest. Or you can email at canalsidewi2@gmail.com

If you have any questions about this proposal, we can spend some time on this at the January meeting. Thank you, Mandy.

CHRISTMAS MEETING



The committee hope to see many of you at the next, festive meeting! There will be a lovely buffet and the tables will be set out. Please remember to bring your own drinks; members are asked to take bottles home at the end of the evening.

Cath Greenwell will also be playing the keyboard and Gill Hannah will be taking photos for the newsletter and website. **Please let Gill know if you do not wish to have your photo taken.**

Christmas Raffle: This year the money raised by the raffle at our meeting will be shared between our 2019 charity Age UK and the ACWW also known as 'Pennies for Friendship'. Thank you for generously supporting both of these charities throughout the year. There will also be small pots on your tables so that you can put all your loose change in for ACWW.

WI SUBSCRIPTION 2020



You will receive your Christmas posting at the December meeting, giving you all the information that you need. The NFWI has set the membership subscription for 2020 at £43. Dual members will pay £21.10 to their second WI. Payment is due from members in January 2020. However, if you prefer to pay at the December meeting that is fine. If you receive a Gift Aid form in your envelope, then please consider opting into this scheme as it helps Canalside WI greatly.

Please note that we **MUST** receive your subscription payment in the envelope provided. Please put your NAME and any changes in your contact details on the envelope. Thanks, Mandy.

WELBECK ABBEY



28 members went on the Welbeck Abbey trip on the 22nd November. We arrived around 11 am and the car park was really filling up. The marquees were busy and filled with beautiful, stylish items to buy - we were spoilt for choice! There were exhibition areas which displayed paintings and silver owned by the Duke of Portland. The garden centre was filled with Christmas decorations.

I enjoyed sampling the different foods on offer in the market area, especially the apple juice and the different jams and marmalades.

It was a pity we couldn't see inside the Abbey, but I'm sure that can wait for another visit.

All in all, the weather was kind to us which helped make the day and by 4.00 pm we were ready to get back on the coach for the journey home. **Ann.**

BALLET THEATRE UK



The Wizard of Oz Ballet at Concordia
2pm, Sunday December 15th

I will be on the coffee lounge at 1.45pm with the tickets. We have excellent seats. Tricia Sykes.

SALES TABLE

Just a reminder that there will not be a sales table this month. Thank you, Cath.

DECEMBER MEETING VIDEO



Gin-gle Bells

To complement our traditional festive buffet, The Cocktail Shaker Boys will present 'Everything you wanted to know about cocktails, but were afraid to ask!' How did those cocktails get their name? Learn about cocktail myths and trivia to impress your friends. They have mocktails covered too!

They have also requested permission to make a promotional video, which would potentially be posted in chunks (only) on their website. Edited bits of it would also potentially be used on their social media platforms: Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.

If you do not wish to be on this video please speak to or contact myself or Pat McShane. Thank you, Mandy.

NEW WEBSITE



We now have a website that has been set up with the help of an expert. Committee members have invested a lot of time in this, so please use it!

Our website address is:

<https://hinckleycanalsidewi.co.uk/>

Just press the Control Key and Click! The top of the newsletter also has a hyperlink in red that will always be there for you to use. Just press the Control Key and Click and it will take you to the website.

You will also find Canalside WI's monthly newsletter there. Thank you, Mandy.

WOMEN'S REFUGE



Collection of Xmas Treats for the Children and Ladies at the Women's Refuge

To help the committee, I will be organizing this collection to bring some Christmas cheer to the refuge.

For those members who would like to contribute for the children, books, games and toys suitable for boys and girls, please. All age ranges. Inexpensive toiletries in gift sets for the ladies.

Chocolate treats in Xmas stockings. Tubs of sweets / chocolates another idea.

I will take contributions at the December meeting and deliver before Xmas.

Thank you, Tricia Sykes.

BEETLE DRIVE



31 people attended the Beetle Drive, which started at 7.30 pm at The Greyhound in Hinckley. Even from the first throw of the dice everyone was excited about making up their beetle and after 10 rounds and a light supper we finally had 2 winners! This event made £184.75 (including £42.00 on the raffle).

This means we will meet our target of £1000 for our chosen charity, Age UK Hinckley and Earl Shilton. Thank you to all who supported this event. **Ann.**

CAKE MAKERS



No cake makers are needed this month as we are having our Christmas buffet. In January the committee will provide the refreshments. Thank you to all of you who have supported our meetings by providing cakes or fruit throughout the year. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

THANKYOU



From Tricia Sykes

Many thanks to the members and committee for the lovely plant and pen I was presented with at the Annual Meeting.

I have really enjoyed the 8 years I have been a member of the Canalside Committee. We have come a long way since our WI was formed. Do think about joining the committee and having your input in the running of Canalside. I will remain an active member and support the committee when I can.

2019 CHARITY - WINTER CLOTHES



The local branch of Age UK is our chosen charity for this year.

WINTER IS COMING. When you get out your warmer clothes, please have a sort out. The Leicestershire and Rutland Age UK shop in Castle Street is in need of donations. Ladies', men's and children's clothes accepted. Money raised at the shop helps to keep services for elderly in place.

AGE UK



Canalside WI Charity Fundraising 2019

As a result of our fundraising efforts this year, we made a total of £1033.79 which will benefit Age UK Hinckley and Earl Shilton.

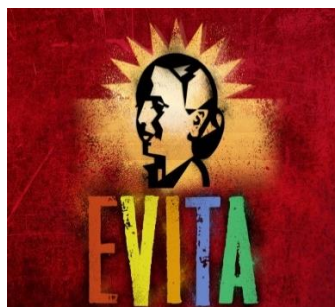
The sponsored fitness walk raised £706.00, the charity market stall in August made £143.04 and the beetle drive in November made £184.75.

Fifty per cent of the proceeds from the raffle at our December meeting will also go to Age UK.

The Age UK Leicestershire and Rutland Shop have also benefited from items that members have donated, as well as volunteer hours.

A massive thank you to committee member, Ann Bowles, for leading this initiative so successfully this year.

EVITA



Evita at Concordia, Wednesday 13th November

Canalside WI members were entertained by this excellent production, which took us back to Argentina in the 1940s. Emma Clift played the leading role and skillfully delivered demanding vocals as she traced Evita's early life, rise to power, charity work, and eventual death.

The principal male roles were Ashley Bright as an engaging Che and Mark Benn as a commanding Juan Peron.

Phillipa Millhouse took on the brief role of Peron's mistress to deliver a poignant rendition of 'Another Suitcase in Another Hall'.

The large cast of supporting actors, both children and adults, provided great Latin American dance and vibrant songs. Mandy.

LIGHTS TO REMEMBER SERVICE



Celebrate the life of a loved one this Christmas.

Thursday 12th December, 7.00 pm at St Mary's Church, Hinckley.

A service with carols, poems and readings. Refreshments served at the end.

Light a candle in their memory and tie a message to the Christmas tree.

Please speak to Canalside member Carol Beardsmore for further information. Phone: 01455 238590.

A collection will be help for Marie Curie.





Alzheimer's Elf Day – Friday 6th December

A vintage coach mystery tour is taking place to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society. The cost is £15 – not including lunch.

The tour will be in a Bedford OB Coach courtesy of Bob Harrington of Harrington Vintage Coaches. Harrington's are not taking a fee for this event. Elves will make sure that you are comfortable on the coach! You will be taken to a pleasant venue for lunch. The coach fare is payable on the day.

Participants are asked to meet at Proppa Coffee in Jasper's Furniture Store (old Co-op) at 10.30 am for an 11.00 am departure from Jasper's Furniture Store car park. Return time 3.00 pm.

Booking essential. Email david.aston@rocketmail.com

NFWI ANNUAL MEETING



4th June 2020 at the Royal Albert Hall, London.

There are a small number of observer tickets for this event. If you would like tickets, please speak to **Judith Smith at the County Events Desk** or email Susan Miller at fedsec@lrfwi.org with your contact details. Please also advise if you wish to travel by Federation coach and require overnight accommodation on Wednesday 3rd June 2020 with the WI Link Delegates or if you are making your own arrangements.

The observer ticket price is £22 each. If accommodation is required, rooms have been booked at the St. Giles Hotel. Shared rooms are £68.00, doubles for single use are £130, including breakfast. A seat on the federation coach is £20.

Please note the closing date for applications is **Monday, 17 February 2020** after which no requests will be taken.

DENMAN DIP



Annual Council Meeting, Saturday, 14 March 2020 £1.00 per entry

The prize will be a bursary either for full payment of, or towards the cost of a two-night course of your choice at Denman. The actual amount will depend on the number of entries received.

To enter at the Annual Council Meeting, find the Denman display stand, where you will be able to pay £1 to be entered into the draw.

You are very welcome to enter more than once if you wish.

If you are unable to attend the Annual Council Meeting, but you still wish to be included in the draw, please write your name, WI and contact details on the envelopes provided and include the £1.00 entry fee.

Mandy will ensure that these entries are taken to the ACM in March.

LOROS STAMPS



Christmas is Coming!

You will be receiving lots of cards and, maybe, parcels in the post.

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

Clubs

BITS AND BOBS CRAFT CLUB



At the November meeting everyone was busy making their own various crafts, with some Christmas decorations being crocheted or sewn, hand stitched hexagons and a button decorated wreath kit being constructed.

At the next meeting these can be continued with and we will be taking a small plate of nibbles to share for the end of year meeting; this will be on December 17th at 7.00pm in the upstairs room at The Greyhound Pub, New Buildings, Hinckley.

If anyone new would like to join with us please come along, 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.

A big thank you to Sue Hurst

Sue Hurst has been organizing the craft club for a number of years now and has decided to resign. She has done a great job – many thanks for all your hard work, Sue!

In the New Year Colleen Simpson will be organizing the craft club. Some members arrive at 6.30 to finish at 8.00pm, but others prefer to start at 7.00 to finish at 8.30 pm.

Any queries contact:
colleen.simpson@yahoo.com



DARTS CLUB

We will be recruiting for next season at the January meeting.

If interested please talk to me or contact at pat.mcs@hotmail.com or phone 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

POETRY

At our November meeting there were eight of us to discuss 'The Bigamist', a true story written by the Mary Turner Thompson who was 'married' to him and had two children with him. It was a fascinating read; what made so many women be taken in by him? We highly recommend this book.

We also came up with other things that we could do in the future. We could have a visit to the Book Barn next spring. We could invite a local author to speak to our group - Rosie Goodwin was suggested. Maybe we could organize a book swap at one of our WI meetings to get more members involved. These are just ideas for the future.

Our next meeting is in December when we will bring a poem of our own choice to share and maybe some food to share as well.

The January book is 'The Beekeeper of Patagonia' by U. N. Owan. New members are always welcome. We meet on the Thursday following our WI meeting at The Greyhound from 1pm to 3pm.

All Welcome.

WALKING GROUP



November Walk: Six ladies enjoyed a walk around Thornton Reservoir on Wednesday 20th November. We were very pleased to be joined by two potential new members – Bron Witherford and Ann Large.

There will be no walk in December.

Details of the January walk will be placed in the January newsletter.

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EVENTS

COUNTY TRIPS AND EVENTS

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

Festive florals workshop Saturday 7th December. 10am-12noon
£20 incl materials. Village Hall, Church Street, North Kilworth LE17 6EZ.

The Edith Buckley Poetry Competition, in memory of WI member from Blackfordby. Subject 'A favourite walk'. **Closing date 20th January 2020.**

Green Hearts Day Saturday, 25 January 2020 WI House, 135 Loughborough Road, Leicester, LE4 5LQ. 10.00am until 3.00pm. Tickets: £5.00 to cover cost of materials.

Individual Flower Competition Jose Smart Award, title 'Time for Tea', **Saturday 14th March 2020 at Annual Council Meeting**, Leicester Grammar School, Great Glen LE8 9FL.

Individual Cookery Competition, Saturday 14th March 2020 at Annual Council Meeting Leicester Grammar School, Great Glen, LE8 9FL.

Individual Craft Competition, Saturday 14th March 2020 at Annual Council Meeting, Leicester Grammar School, Great Glen, LE8 9FL.

Children's Cupcake decoration Competition, Saturday 14th March 2020 at Annual Council Meeting, Leicester Grammar School, Great Glen, LE8 9FL.

Museum of Timekeeping and Southwell Manor, Tuesday 24th March 2020. £30 per person. Coach leaves WI House at 9am.

Hardanger Workshop, 15th February 2020, WI House, Leicester. Cost £20. 10.00am - 3.00pm. Bring a packed lunch.

RHS Malvern Spring Festival, 9th May 2020. Coach leaves WI House, Leicester, at 8.30am. Cost £35, friends and family welcome.



Science Question Time, Wednesday, 25 March 2020

Our Crowded Skies - The Future of Air Transport

The Salvation Army, Ladysmith Road (off Saffron Road), South Wigston.

7.00pm for 7.30pm

Tea/Coffee available from 7pm

£8 per ticket



Springtime Treats, Saturday, 28 March 2020,

Market Harborough Methodist Church. **10.00am for 10.30am to 3.00pm. Tickets £24.00.**

Be captivated by Tom Phillips' chocolate creations, enjoy a home-cooked two course lunch and be wowed by the floral skills of Beverley Artis.

Tom will bring a selection of Hannah's Chocolates and Easter Eggs for sale and we will have Shop-in-a-Box, Country Markets and the latest quiz from Sue Lobb.

Food Safety Certificate Level 2

Friday, 28 February 2020.

9.30am for 10.00am to 3.00pm.

WI House, 135 Loughborough Road, Leicester.

June Norris will talk you through the handbook in the morning. Bring along your laptop, tablet or smart phone, with earphones if possible, to complete the course online at your own pace in the afternoon, or at home if you prefer. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided but please bring a packed lunch.



Federation Denman Weekend 2020

Friday 14 – Sunday 16 August

The courses which have been selected for the federation visit next year are as follows:

- Health and Wellbeing with Yoga, Qigong and Mindfulness.
- Singing: Mama Mia
- Royal Palaces along the Thames.
- Mosaics: Let your creativity run wild.
- Bumper Craft Takeaway.
- Cookery: World Street Food, Menu 1.
- An application form with costs and other information is with Judith Smith and is also available to download on the WI House LRFWI website.

Non -members are welcome to apply for courses from 1st March