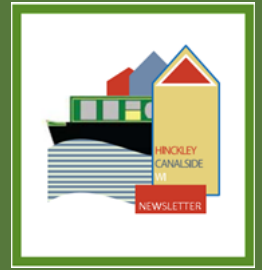


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INSPIRING WOMEN



HINCKLEY
CANALSIDE WI

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5th February 2020

CHANGE OF VENUE



Dear Members, just to confirm the results of the consultation about a change of venue for our WI.

Committee members received 3 phone calls, 2 emails and 3 voting slips raising objections to the change of venue. There was a discussion slot at the January meeting, where members could share their views.

As the majority of members are happy about the change, all future meetings - **including the one on February 5th** - will be held at the above address, on the first Wednesday of the month starting at 7.30pm.

A map showing the location of the Mary Forryan Centre is on our website:

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

You can park anywhere on the Mary Forryan site. Mandy.

NEW MEMBERS' EVENING



Committee members are planning to hold a new members' evening on **Wednesday 11th March** at 'The Greyhound Pub' starting at 7.00 pm.

Committee members will be able to introduce themselves and explain their roles, provide a brief history about the WI organization and Canalside WI - and what it can offer members.

We plan to give information about the different tiers of the WI, Denman College and what members get for their subscriptions.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Most importantly, it will be a chance to chat and get to know each other better!

If you have joined our WI within the last year or if you would simply like an opportunity to get to know other

members in a smaller group, you are **most welcome to join us**. Please give your name to Ann Bowles at the next meeting.

BRING YOUR OWN CUP/MUG!



At our last committee meeting, members felt that we should be looking to cut down on single use disposable cups - even though we have tried to purchase recyclable products...

It would be great if you could bring a reusable cup or travel mug to our meetings - or even your own crockery with a zip up bag!

This small gesture counts and is consistent with WI campaigns over the last 100 years on a range of environmental causes - such as the more recent action on End Plastic Soup. Thank you, Mandy.

COLLECTION FOR WOMEN'S REFUGE



Collection of Basic Toiletries

Your final chance to bring any items to the February meetings before Tricia delivers to the Hinckley Hub. Thank you.

Machine Embroidery tutored by Claire Muir, Textile Artist.



There were 7 students on the course, all WI members who came to Denman from around the country - Cornwall, Herefordshire, Cambridgeshire, Northumberland and Leicestershire. We studied a variety of techniques involving our own sewing machines and how to adapt them to do freehand machine embroidery, but it was possible to borrow a machine from Denman if needed.

Claire provided access to all of her resources for a nominal fee of £4 so we got a chance to work with a variety of threads, beads, organza, silk and natural wool fibres. We learnt how to draw with our needle and even had a go at using a soldering iron to cut organza in order to sew onto our samplers of work.

I would recommend the course to anyone who has an interest in exploring what a standard sewing machine can do in terms of embroidery.

The Denman experience was new for both myself and my friend, Sue Hurst, and I think it's fair to say we were very impressed with the quality and amount of food we were offered. There was tea and coffee making facilities available at all times and we had morning biscuits and afternoon cakes too.

The bar area was closed to us for a private party, but we were given complimentary drinks by the waiter service offered to compensate for any inconvenience.

We both had a good rummage in the Haberdashery shop selling donated items of crafting supplies!

We were both impressed and are hoping to go back again in the future.

Best wishes and thank you for the opportunity to experience Denman.

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION RECEIPT

Please would you collect your annual subscription receipt from our treasurer, Caroline Drodge, who will be at manning a desk in the main hall at the next meeting. Many thanks.

CANALSIDE WI PROGRAMME 2021



The committee will be meeting in April to plan next year's programme. Margaret Lawrence is inviting you all to offer suggestions for future speakers. We are aiming for a varied and interesting programme on a range of topics, covering such categories as: hobbies, art, science, health, history, local interest, performing arts, charities, travel, the countryside, food etc. We are also looking for speakers who can **demonstrate** a craft, cooking skill, dance or fitness.



Forms for you to complete with your suggestions will be available at the March and April meetings. So please get your thinking hats on!

RAFFLES AT OUR WI MEETINGS



Just to let you know, that the committee have taken the decision that all proceeds from the raffles will be used for members' welfare. Gill Hannah has kindly agreed to organize a raffle at alternate meetings.

SUE BUSWELL & SUE HURST @ DENMAN



Thanks to Sue Buswell for writing the following item.

You will recall that I won the Denman Dip in March 2019 at the Annual Council Meeting.

I have just come back from a wonderful weekend away at Denman with my friend, Sue Hurst, who won a Denman Bursary at our local WI (Hinckley Canalside). We used our personal bursary wins and added some of our own money to buy a 2 night course in Freehand

RESOLUTIONS 2020



Please consider the 5 resolutions on the shortlist and then select the one you would most like to see go forward for further discussion and voting at the Annual Meeting in June 2020.

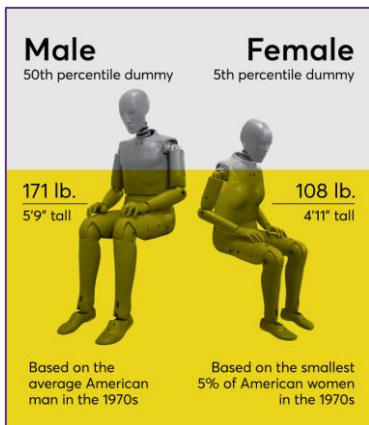
You can make your selection by filling out the selection form found in the November and December 2019 issue of WI Life on page 27. On pages 24 – 27 you can find an outline of the key points for each of the 5 resolutions.

Please note that briefing materials for the resolution shortlist are now available on My WI. For each resolution you will find briefing notes, a PowerPoint presentation and a quiz. The aim of these resources is to help members improve their understanding of the issues.

There is a link to My WI on External Links on the Hinckley Canalside website. Log into My WI, select Public Affairs and Campaigns and then Resolutions 2019/20.

The 5 resolutions are:

1. A call to increase potential stem cell donor registration
2. Female crash test dummies



3. End modern slavery
4. Time to talk about death and dying



5. Protect our precious helium

Last year over 20 WIs in our federation failed to send in their votes; please make every effort to get your votes in! A 100% return would be wonderful! The LRFWI needs to receive WIs' voting results by 14th February 2020. Your vote will be collated by our Secretary, Judith Smith.

RAFFLE PRIZES APPEAL

If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts etc. Please bring along and donate to the raffle.

I will be collecting at our usual Wednesday meetings – all items gratefully received!

Thank you – Gill x.

SALES TABLE

I'm hoping to do a sales table this month, so please bring any items you would like to try and sell. Please come and look, as you might see something you like. There'll be lots of books as usual. Thanks Cath.

CAKE MAKERS

Thank you to the following for volunteering to bake or buy cakes for our meeting on Wednesday 5th February: Angela Nollett, Jo Harvey, Linda Dunn, Pat Wood, Margot Hamnett. And we will have to call on our reserve, Sue Holden.

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.

SPRING BALL

A Message from Diana Morgan, Chair of Hinckley Homeless Group. Spring Fundraising Ball.



This event will take place on Saturday 28th March at the Hinckley Rugby Club. Tickets are £40pp and tables seat 10. It should be a great night out!

There will be a three course meal and entertainment from Will Gray, close up magician, and live band Covernote.

To buy tickets and for more information contact 01455 890688 or email:

lisa@hinckleyhomeless.com

WATLING GROUP ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday 19th March at Hope Church at 7.30 pm.

Host Hollycroft WI.

Peter Fox will present 'A Magical History' interspersed with tricks. The competition is to make your own wand!

Tickets cost £8 to include light refreshments.

BURSARIES



Watling Group Denman Bursary 2019: worth £300, entries for this will be taken at the February meeting.

Canalside Bursaries 2020

We will be offering two bursaries this year, each worth £300, to attend Denman College. **The draw will take place at our February meeting.** The winners must be prepared to book their places by September 2020. This is not open to previous winners. You can put your name forward at the February meeting!

CANALSIDE WI WEBSITE



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 find Canalside WI's monthly newsletter there. There is also a Gallery,

Events, WI links – including to MY WI, the national website for members.

On MY WI you can access Craft, Food and Cookery, Floral Art and Gardening – all to be found under Make, Create and Do!

Mandy.

MEET YOUR COMMITTEE

Sue Barden – Marshall joined our committee in November 2019. Sue is part of the meet and greet team, welcoming new members to our WI. She also coordinates the walking group activities and is often accompanied by canine friend, Raffles!



Clubs

DARTS CLUB



We have entered two teams again this year so as always would welcome anyone who would like to come along and give it a try. Will be arranging a pre-season

friendly at Stoke Golding Club soon so watch this space!

If you are interested please talk to any committee member who will direct you towards someone who plays or 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.

BITS AND BOBS CRAFT CLUB



Hello, Here is what we did in January....

We had an excellent time in January making spectacle or phone cases. They were all individual and super!

On 18th February we are aiming to decoupage (tear and stick, not cut out) onto an item. Glue will be provided, with a selection of papers. If you could bring your own 0.25"/0.5" paintbrush that would be helpful. If you are unable to bring your own item to cover or need a brush, they can be provided for you - let Colleen know at least 10 days beforehand if possible. Tissue paper works well, as does newspaper or music paper.

Feel free to join us! If you'd rather do your own thing, or just come to chat, or to see what we're like, we'd be very pleased to see you.

We're in the upstairs room at 'The Greyhound', third Tuesday of every month. Unfortunately, we no longer have permission to park in the B&Q car park. Try around the corner on upper Castle St. Some of us come 6.30-8.00pm, others 7-8.30pm. **Thank you, Colleen.**

Collsimson@yahoo.co.uk for info.



BOOK CLUB



LITERARY CREAM TEA, Saturday, 21 March

GUEST SPEAKER: JULIE SUMMERS

The book club meets on Thursday 6th February at 1 - 3.00pm in the Greyhound Pub.

Everyone is welcome, even if you have not read the book. It is a great chance to meet other WI members and socialize.

The book we will be discussing is 'Jambusters' by Julie Summers.

March: 'The White Queen' by Philippa Gregory.

April: "The Beekeeper of Patagonia" by U N Owan.

We chose our February book to coincide with the Literary Cream Tea on Sat 21st March at **St Peter's Church Centre, Glenfield** where the guest speaker is Julie Summers.

This book was the basis of a very popular TV series several years ago called 'Home Fires'. She is a very good speaker.

Several of our book club are considering attending and we thought that more members may be interested.

See Judith at the desk for tickets.

WALKING GROUP



January Walk: On the morning of 15th January, thirteen of us - plus three four-legged friends - enjoyed a pleasant walk from Sutton Cheney to Market Bosworth. The walk took us from the centre of Sutton Cheney, along the gated road, enabling us to appreciate the tranquillity and beauty of the English countryside in winter.

We walked through Market Bosworth, where we enjoyed a refreshment break at 'Ye Olde Red Lion', before returning to Sutton Cheney via the same route. **Sue Barden – Marshall.**



February Walk: This will take place Wednesday 19th February, led by **Linda Dunn.**

We will meet at **11.00 am** for an **11.10 am** start in the car park at 'The George and Dragon' pub in Stoke Golding.

The walk is approximately 2.5 miles long and follows a circular route through Stoke Golding and round the Green at Dadlington. We chose this walk for this time of year as it is mostly on pavements and country roads.

On our return to the dog friendly 'George and Dragon' there will be a chance to relax and have a coffee.

If you would like to join us then please sign up at the events desk. Everyone welcome! **Please note the slightly later start time.**

JANUARY MEETING



Ann Bowles presents the cheque to Age UK representative, Antony Massey.



Vanessa Lowe-Thompson, glass fusing and design.

EVENTS

For bookings please contact Ann Bowles on 07981 826871

Date	Event
Wednesday 11 th March, 7.00 pm onwards.	New Members' Evening at 'The Greyhound Pub', New Buildings, Hinckley, LE10 1HN.
Saturday, 14 th March 10.30am – 3.30pm	Annual Council Meeting at Leicester Grammar School. Tickets: £12 each.
Thursday 19 th March 7.30 pm start	Watling Group Annual Meeting at Hope Church. Tickets £8 to include light refreshments.
Saturday 25 th April.	Day trip to Oxford. TRIP NOW FULL. Full payment please by the latest at the March meeting. Pick up at the Marina at 9.00 am and at St Catherine's Church, Burbage at 9.10 am.

and Rev. Kate Bottley journalist, television and radio presenter and C of E priest. (See newsletter item.)

Entry to **Brenda Barnett Trophy 2020**- three craft items with the theme 'Musical Memories'.

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.

Literary Cream Tea, 21st March, 1.15 for 1.45. at St Peter's Church Glenfield. Cost £15. Guest speaker is Julie Summers.



Springtime Treats, 28th March, Market Harborough Methodist Church at 10.30am. Tickets £24

Chicken Wire Workshop at WI House, 4th April, 10.00 am to 3.30pm. Tickets £30.

TRIP NOTICE

If your emergency contact phone number has changed, please notify Pat McShane so that we can update our records.

The organizer needs contact numbers 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.

COUNTY TRIPS AND EVENTS

If you are interested in any county event please book with me at the County Events Desk. Please see the flyers in your emails for more details. Judith Smith.

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.

Tickets available for **2020 ACM 14th March**. Cost £12. Speakers are Salley Illsley, Girlguiding Commissioner for Loughborough. Jasvinder Sanghera CBE founder of Karma Nirvana and author

NEW

There are 10 events so I will only give a brief account of each. If you wish to know more look at your emails or see me on the County News Desk. Booking early will guarantee a place.

1. Turn Back the Clock to Go Forward - 6th April, Free. All about recycling and a sustainable future. Quaker Meeting House, Leicester
2. Dabble Day - 18th April, £10. Try new crafts. Burton Overy Hall.
3. Resolution Briefing Meeting - 20th April. Find out about the resolutions going to conference. £5
4. Officers' Training - 25th April, £3, Opportunity to learn more about the roles of President, Secretary, Treasurer. WI House Leicester
5. Speaker's Audition Evening- 27th April, £4.50. A chance to hear new speakers for WI meetings. Barkby Village Hall.
6. Behind the seams - DSI London, 29th April. Tour of the company that produces the costumes for Strictly Come Dancing. £49.50.
7. Taste and Try- 14th May, £8. Cookery demonstration and tasting. Flower arranging demonstration and a Country Market. Hungarton Village Hall.
8. Outdoor Bowls Taster Evening- 22nd May. £5.50 plus fish and chip supper. St Margaret's Bowls Club, Birstall.
9. Spring Lunch, - 23rd May, £31, 3 course meal and guest speaker is the Duchess of Rutland. Devonshire Place, Leicester.
10. What's Next in Crochet - 6th June, £20. Learn about new crochet stitches and techniques. WI House, Leicester.