

the WI

INSPIRING WOMEN



HINCKLEY
CANALSIDE WI

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4th March 2020

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 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. There is **no charge** for this event.

BRING YOUR OWN CUP/MUG!



Committee members feel 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.

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.

Watling Group Denman Bursary 2020: Worth £300, entries for this will be taken at the **March** meeting. No charge. **Please complete a slip with your name and WI.**

THANKS FROM WOMEN'S REFUGE



Here are Melanie Diamandis' words on receipt of the basic toiletries that Canalside WI members very kindly donated:

Again, a massive than you to the ladies. 😊

COLLECTION FOR WOMEN'S REFUGE



Collection of Easter Eggs and Chocolates – March and April Meetings

As you know, the ladies at the Women's Refuge are often staying with their children. The gifts we donate go some way to making Easter a better time. Thank you, Mandy.

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

SALES TABLE

There will be a sales table this month. Please bring any items to sell and come and see 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 4th March: Julie Edwards, Jenny I'Anson, Marilyn Houghton, Linda Hackett, Maureen Hemsley and Kath Edwards who was reserve but is now needed. In order to avoid wastage we are having 6 volunteers and ask that you only bring enough for 10 to 12 people. We shall have biscuits available to ensure everyone is provided for. 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.

TO ALL MEMBERS-Don't forget to bring your own cup to help save our Planet.

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

BURSARIES



Canalside Bursary Winners, 2020. Vicky Gilbert and Lisa Parkins are the lucky winners this time, with Lisa Bingley as reserve. We look forward to hearing about their experiences at Denman College.

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.

FIRST AID TRAINING OCTOBER 2020

Essential First Aid All Ages

Wednesday 21st October

This has been booked with St .John Ambulance training department. The session be held at the Mary Forryan Centre and will run from 6.00pm to 9.00pm.

The actual cost is £25 plus VAT. However, because of the educational nature of this event, the committee have agreed that the cost is subsidised by Canalside WI and participants pay **£10**.

Some Canalside members attended the course on the 18th October 2017, so a refresher course is due post October 2020.

There are 14 spaces available and it is possible to have a mix of refresher people and new people. Therefore, we suggest a mixture of 7 new and 7 refreshers participating. Names will be drawn out of a hat if we have more people interested!

Here is a list of participants on the 2017 course:

Ann Bowles	Cath Greenwell
Ann Hunt	Joanne Harvey
Gillian Hamilton	Pat McShane
Angela Nollett	Marie Russell
Rose Rogers	Kath Stephens
Pat Wood	Angela Sparham

Ann Bowles will be taking names at the March meeting.



MEET YOUR COMMITTEE

Ann Bowles is at the forefront of charity fundraising for Canalside WI. She also administers Gift Aid and helps run some of our additional events. She is organizing the day trip to Oxford on Saturday 25th April, which has proved a popular destination.



Colour Me Beautiful

Fully qualified colour and make-up consultant, Aysen Milne, shared her expertise about our colouring and what that means for the clothes and make-up we wear. She demonstrated her skills on volunteers Marie Russell and Justine Goodwin!



Clubs

SAPCOTE WI QUIZ



Sapcote WI will be holding their Annual Quiz Evening at the Mary Forryan Centre on Wednesday 29th April; 7.30 pm start.

Tickets are £5 per person; maximum of 6 players per team. The price includes tea/coffee and cake. Feel free to bring your own wine etc. as there will be no bar. Tickets on sale at the March meeting.

FEBRUARY MEETING SNAPSHOT



DARTS CLUB



Our 2020 Darts Season is about to begin. 45 teams are involved, two of which are from our WI. They are split into 8 groups of 5 or 6, who play every other team in the group. The winner of each group goes through to the finals. It really is a great opportunity to meet up with ladies from other WIs. If anybody wants to join us you would be very welcome and really don't have to be able to play darts. 😊 We try to play most of our games at Stoke Golding Club.

If interested please talk to anyone on the committee 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

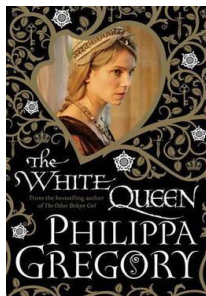


We had an excellent time in February using decoupage techniques to decorate a variety of items. They all turned out very well, and, as usual, we had fun! On March 16th we will be attempting quilting. Most of us haven't done it before, so I'm sure we'll learn something. Tools, paper, glue and patterns will be provided, along with some greeting card blanks to attach the shapes to. Should be interesting!

Feel free to join us. If you'd rather do your own thing, 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. Some of us come 6.30-8.00pm, others 7-8.30pm. **Thank you, Colleen.** collsimson@yahoo.co.uk for info.



BOOK CLUB



Eleven members turned up for the February meeting and, after discussing the book 'Jambusters' by Julie Summers, it was decided that although it had many interesting facts about the WI it was not a book we could recommend. Our March book is 'The White Queen' by Philippa Gregory.

Everyone needs to bring ideas for future reads to the March meeting so we can compile a list as some have difficulty getting books from the library without a lot of notice.

Pat McShane and Ann Bowles are going to the Literary Cream Tea on the 21st March where the author of 'The Jambusters' will be speaking. It should be an interesting event and if you would like to go please see Judith Smith for tickets. Judith Smith



LITERARY CREAM TEA, 21 March

GUEST SPEAKER: JULIE SUMMERS

WALKING GROUP



February Walk: On 19th February fourteen ladies and four furry canine friends were not put off by a bit of rain and cold weather.

Our circular walk, about two and a half miles in total, started at 'The George and

Dragon' in Stoke Golding and took us through the village past the canal and around The Green at Dadlington. We were mostly on the roadside and pavement, so not too much mud! We arrived back at the pub about an hour later for a welcome warming cuppa.

Linda Dunn.



March Walk: The walk on the 18th March will be a circular walk from Bosworth Battle Field Heritage Centre. We will walk along towards the old railway line, over the Ashby Canal, then go down onto the tow path and walk towards Sutton Cheney Wharf. Here we will take a flight of steps and go back across the canal onto the other side, to continue the walk back through Ambion Woods towards the Heritage Centre. There are car parking facilities at the Heritage Centre, with a charge of £2.50.

The tea rooms at the centre do not allow dogs, however there is outside seating. The tea rooms at Sutton Wharf are dog friendly. We will meet in the car park at the Heritage Centre at 10.50 a.m. for an 11.00 a.m. start. **Sue Barden-Marshall.**

APRIL 1ST OPEN EVENING



Stuart Hillard, patchwork quilt and fabric designer, Great British Sewing Bee TV personality and author will be speaking at our next WI meeting. It will be an open event so family members and friends are welcome!

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. Ann Bowles is taking names. No charge.
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.
Wednesday 21 st October	Essential First Aid All Ages. At the Mary Forryan Centre. 6.00pm – 9.00pm. 14 spaces. Subsidised cost £10 .

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

Turn Back the Clock to Go Forward - 6th April, Free. All about recycling and a sustainable future. Quaker Meeting House, Leicester

Dabble Day - 18th April, £10. Try new crafts. Burton Overy Hall.

Resolution Briefing Meeting - 20th April. Find out about the resolutions going to conference. £5

Officers' Training - 25th April, £3, Opportunity to learn more about the roles of President, Secretary, Treasurer. WI House Leicester

Speaker's Audition Evening- 27th April, £4.50. A chance to hear new speakers for WI meetings. Barkby Village Hall.

Behind the seams - DSI London, 29th April. Tour of the company that produces the costumes for Strictly Come Dancing. £49.50.

Taste and Try- 14th May, £8. Cookery demonstration and tasting. Flower arranging demonstration and a Country Market. Hungarton Village Hall.

Outdoor Bowls Taster Evening- 22nd May. £5.50 plus fish and chip supper. St Margaret's Bowls Club, Birstall.

Spring Lunch, - 23rd May, £31, 3 course meal and guest speaker is the Duchess of Rutland. Devonshire Place, Leicester.

What's Next in Crochet - 6th June, £20. Learn about new crochet stitches and techniques. WI House, Leicester.

Atlanta Forever - theatre production about women's football in the 1920s. £12, 12th June, Market Harborough Congregational Church Centre

Time for Tea - an opportunity to have an indulgent afternoon tea with the speaker Anna Stasinska to entertain you £15, 14th June, Thurnby Memorial Hall

Photographic competition. "We've got talent" picture suitable for the front cover of County News. Last entry by Jan 2021. £2 per entry.

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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.

Tickets available for **2020 ACM 14th March**. At Leicester Grammar School, Great Glen LE8 9FL. Cost £12.

You may enter **Individual Flower Competition Jose Smart Award, Individual Cookery Competition, Individual Craft Competition or Brenda Barnett Trophy 2020**. There is also the **Children's Cupcake decoration Competition**.

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

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