



HINCKLEY CANALSIDE WI

November 2021

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

### Annual Meeting on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

England is now on step four of the roadmap out of lockdown. This means there is an end to most legal social restrictions and WIs can meet in-person in full numbers. Good news!

Facemasks are discretionary.

**However, there are some safety measures that still need to be in place where we need your help:**

- Could we remind you to bring your own wipes/hand sanitiser – we will provide hand sanitiser as well.
- Any members or visitors who have any [Covid-19 symptoms](#) **must** stay at home.
- If you have been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or NHS Wales Test Trace Protect you must do so.
- If you experience any Covid-19 symptoms you must get a [PCR test](#). If you test positive and have attended an in-person WI meeting or activity within the last seven days you must inform the President.
- Pat McShane will be taking a register as usual in the reception area. Pat will ask for contact details from you when they sign in.
- Please bring your own cup/mug. Thanks for your co-operation. Mandy, on behalf of committee members.



Dear Members,

At the start and end of meetings, there is quite a lot to do in terms of getting ready and clearing away – especially with the additional health and safety requirements due to Covid.

There are people who can lift (tables/chairs) and those who cannot. Because of reduced ability, in this respect, amongst committee members we very much need help from you.

If you could lend a hand and arrive prompt at 7.00pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November this would be much appreciated. Also, if you could let me know at the November meeting if you are willing to help out at future meetings then I could set up a rota.

The committee invest a lot of time making meetings happen and occasional help from members would lighten the load.

Thank you, **Mandy**.

Email at [canalsidewi2@gmail.com](mailto:canalsidewi2@gmail.com) or Phone: 01455 251809.

### Sales Table

There will be a sales table as usual. Please do come and have a look. All money raised will go to Canalside. Don't forget to bring the right change with you, as I still don't have that much yet.

Thanks Cath.

## Donations for Refreshments and Christmas Buffet



At our October Committee Meeting, the decision was taken to reinstate the £1 donation request we have made in the past for refreshments. Traditionally, the monies collected over the year have funded the lovely Christmas buffet we all enjoy.

We have contacted the caterer so that we can offer a buffet again this year at our December meeting, which will be for members only – one small way of rewarding your loyalty during difficult times.

So, Margaret Lawrence and I will be at the back of the main hall to collect monies at the next meeting. Thank you, Mandy.

### Cakemakers



Thank you to the following for volunteering to bring cakes for our meeting: Carol Beasley, Marie Cropp, Lin Harris. Jane Moggridge, Tina Moore and Angela Nollett. The reserve is Jenny Wright who I shall contact if necessary.

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](mailto:pat.mcs@hotmail.com) or 07714 097947.

FRUIT IS A WELCOME ALTERNATIVE TO CAKE ☺

A big thank you to you all.

## Collection of used stamps



If you can save any used stamps you have and bring them along to our monthly meetings, we will see that they go to the Hinckley Area Foodbank.

Chris Wright, Deputy Manager / Fundraiser, tells us that when the foodbank have collected over 10kg of stamps, they pass them on to a stamp collector/dealer who gives the foodbank a donation for them.

Please give your stamps to committee member, Lisa Parkins, who is a meeter and greeter in the reception area at the start of our meetings. **Mandy.**

## Food Bank



Our WI has chosen to support Hinckley Area Foodbank this year, and many thanks for your support for our fundraising efforts so far.

Members can also support Hinckley Area Foodbank in other ways, by donating any of the following items, which can be used to generate funds. These can be handed to Lisa Parkins who will usually be in the entrance foyer on arrival at our WI meetings.

- used postage stamps - Lisa will leave a collection folder at the signing in desk, to drop these into
- spare/unwanted foreign or old currency
- old mobile phones (with charger if possible)

- old digital tablets or cameras

- unwanted costume jewellery/watches

Of course, you can also help by picking up an extra item or two in your grocery shop to donate to those in need. Collection boxes/trolleys are usually located behind supermarket checkouts, to drop them in on your way out. For an idea of what items are most needed at the moment, check the link [Donate food | Hinckley Area Foodbank](#)

Any help will be most gratefully received and help to support those who are struggling to put food on the table during these difficult times.

Thank you.

### Canalside Market Stall - Hinckley Christmas Lights Switch On



Hinckley Canalside WI have been fortunate to have secured a stall on the **evening of 19th. November 2021** for Hinckley's big Christmas Lights Switch On event. This should be a great opportunity to showcase our WI.

To make this a successful event, we need to call on members' generosity. We need pledges of donations for the stall, we would like, Christmas themed cakes and cookies, gingerbread, shortbread etc, homemade sweets.

Also, homemade handcraft items. We also need help in manning the stall throughout the evening. I will have a manning rota available at our next meeting on 3rd. November, if you can offer any help, however small, please look out for me.

Proceeds from the stall will be divided between Hinckley Canalside WI and Hinckley Food Bank.

Sue Barden-Marshall.

### Suggestions for Speakers 2022/23 Programme and Events/Trips

It has been difficult for us all to get out and about these past long months. I am sure you feel the same way as the Committee. We need to make up for it now and plan more trips and entertainment.

Of course, we will need your help and support choosing the events that you would like to do the most so we are providing some forms:

#### Members' Suggestions for Speakers 2022/23 Programme, Events and Trips

So please will you fill in a form ... if you have enjoyed a speaker, trip or event. I am sure many of our ladies would also enjoy like a chance to experience it.

This next year let us try to have more fun and interaction togetherness **BECAUSE WE ARE WORTH IT**

Best wishes, Margaret Lawrence.

## Meeting Snapshot

### October Meeting

Hinckley Canalside had a very enjoyable evening when we were entertained by Vina Ladwa.

She showed us Northern and Southern Indian dances, informing us as she went along about the origins and what the different hand/arm movements meant, and the story being told. She then led into the more up to date Bollywood dances.



Some of our ladies dressed in saris and even more ladies took to the floor and learnt a selection of moves which were then put to music.

A great night!



## Hinckley Canalside WI Website



Our website address is:

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

Just press the Control Key and Click!

On the front page of the newsletter there is a blue hyperlink **in the top right hand box** 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**



## Fundraising Subcommittee



### Sponsored Walk

On the morning of 2nd October 2021, eight ladies, two dogs and one very brave husband met at Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre. The weather was very overcast, with rain threatening, however this did not deter us.

We set out over the fields to Shenton Station, by which time there was a slight drizzle falling. We followed the old railway track towards the Ashby Canal. Here we joined the tow path and walked towards Sutton Cheney Wharf - we were amazed at the number of ducks that had come out to watch our progress!!

At Sutton Cheney Wharf, we crossed over the bridge and walked back along the opposite side of the canal towards Ambion Woods.

This is when the heavens really opened up, but we had all come prepared. We continued through Ambion Woods and headed for the Heritage Centre.

Here we enjoyed a nice hot drink to warm us up. Everyone enjoyed the walk, despite the weather. A total of £391 was raised. This is to be divided between Hinckley Canalside WI and Hinckley Food Bank. A big THANK YOU to all who took part in the walk and all those who sponsored us.

### Beetle Drive, 15<sup>th</sup> October



On the evening of the 15<sup>th</sup> October, our members, friends and family had great fun at 'The Greyhound' participating in the Beetle Drive to remember the lovely **Margaret Copson**.

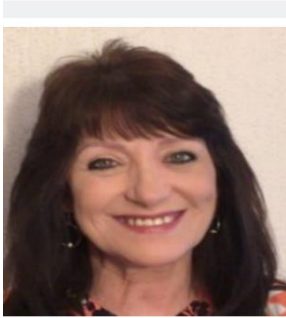
Tina Moore won the trophy!

Thanks to Ann Bowles, Dilys Lees and all the others who helped to make the evening a success.

The raffle raised £84 for LOROS and £185 for our WI.



## Meet the Committee



Gill Hannah

**Gill Hannah** has quite a few jobs. She does:

Publicity for Canalside,

Members' welfare,

Sends out the birthday cards we all get,

Organises the raffles,

She does a scrapbook for Canalside and lastly,

Organises the Skittles matches.

## Clubs and Teams

### Fosse Meadows Walk



Our first meeting of the walking group following the restrictions imposed by the Covid19 pandemic took place on 20th October 2021.

A few ladies dropped out due to the weather forecast, however four hardy souls and two dogs met at Fosse Meadows. There was a break in the weather and although cold and breezy, there was some sunshine. We enjoyed a pleasant walk through the country park, which is open grassland and woodland.

We did get caught in one shower; however, this was short lived.

The next walk will be on **17th November 2021**. This will be along the gated road from Sutton Cheney to

Market Bosworth, meeting on Main Street near the Hercules Public House at 10.45 for 11.00 start. We will have a short break in Market Bosworth for coffee, before returning along the same route. Best wishes Sue x

### Skittles

Hinckley Canalside WI played skittles against Hollycroft WI at the Red Admiral in Broughton Astley.

Everyone had a great night but sadly Canalside lost the match.

Thank you to all ladies who took part.

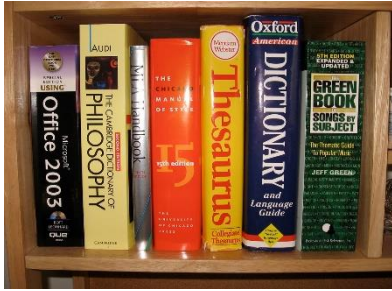




## Book Club

# I ♥ Book Club

We are hoping to get our WI book club up and running again soon. I have arranged for us to have our first meeting at the coffee shop in the **Atkins Building at 11am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November**. Hopefully I have contacted everyone who has shown an interest but anyone else is welcome to join us on the day to see what it's all about.



At this first meeting we can decide together where and when we will hold our future meetings. We can talk about books we have read and enjoyed and hopefully get suggestions for books to read and discuss at those future meetings.

My contact details are [pat.mcs@hotmail.com](mailto:pat.mcs@hotmail.com) or 07714 097947

Pat xx



## Bits and Bobs Craft

On 26th October 8 of us in the Bits and Bobs craft group had a really good time making Christmas decorations. We used curtain rings, yarn, beads and a variety of methods to produce between 1-3 baubles each. Very few people followed the initial instructions, thankfully, but as usual we really enjoyed the session! Next month we'll meet on 30th November at 6.30pm at The Greyhound. We're going to have a shared plate buffet and a secret Santa with a very small limit after we've made Christmas crackers. Please get in touch with Colleen for details if you'd like to join us, as we are limited for numbers due to the size of the room. If you use items provided, it will usually cost you £1. You are always welcome to just come and bring your own thing to finish. As we've got the room for nothing, it would be appropriate if people had something from the bar. They do alcohol (duh!) tea, coffee and non-alcoholic drinks, ranging from 60p, onwards.

I can be contacted on [collsimpson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:collsimpson@yahoo.co.uk), but please be aware that I only usually read my emails in the evening.

## Future Events and Trips



**BOND STREET DISTILLERY**

### **BOND STREET DISTILLERY Gin Tour**

This will take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 6:30pm.

£7.50 pp

Venue: 127 Upper Bond Street, Hinckley LE10 1RT



### **Gin & Afternoon Tea/Coffee event**

This will take place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 at 1:00pm

£20.00 pp (**fantastic discount of £5.00**)

Venue: 127 Upper Bond Street, Hinckley LE10 1RT We will be collecting the money for the Gin Tour and Gin & Afternoon Tea/Coffee Event at our next Monthly Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021, 7:30pm Mary Forryan Centre.

Please try to bring the correct money or a cheque.

## **Stratford – upon - Avon Victorian Christmas Market, Friday 10th December**



The Victorian Christmas Market is a themed event with stall holders dressed in Victorian costumes. There will be entertainment throughout the town; a stage in Henley Street will host a programme of performances. There will be a traditional funfair, which will include a carousel situated at the bottom of Wood Street and on the Rother Street market area. The Christmas market will be on Waterside, Bridge Street, Henley Street, High Street and Meer Street, with stalls which will include street food and drink-related produce being positioned on Wood Street.

On behalf of the Hinckley Canalside WI Committee, I am arranging a trip to this event on Friday 10th December; the cost

will be £18.00 per person. We will be leaving by coach from Hinckley Bus Station at 9.00am. This will be at the loading bay just before the last stop which is Rugby Rd end. Our second pick up point will be St. Catherine's Church in Burbage, leaving at 9.10am. The estimated time of arrival in Stratford is approximately 10.30 am - traffic permitting. We plan to return from Stratford at 4.00pm, arriving back first at Burbage and then at Hinckley Bus Station at approximately 5.40pm.

We are giving priority on places to Canalside members, their family/friends. After this, members of other WIs will be offered places.

**I will be taking names from Canalside WI members at the November meeting - 9 spaces available.**

I will need a deposit of £10, which is refundable up to the 3rd November 2020. After this date no monies will be refunded. (This is because we need to confirm the coach by then). The remaining sum of £8.00 will need to be paid



by 3rd Nov 2020. **So all monies must be paid by 3rd Nov meeting.** If you would like to pay the whole amount of £18.00 at the start that's fine but it won't be refundable after 3rd Nov unless we have a reserve taking the seat.

**Ann Bowles.**

### **Stop Press     Stratford – upon - Avon Victorian Christmas Market, Friday 10th December**

Just a few notes as a reminder for the trip to Stratford Christmas Market on Dec 10<sup>th</sup>.

- Please bring your own hand sanitizer and or mask.
- Any members who have any Covid 19 symptoms within the previous 7 days must stay at home.
- If you have been told to self-isolate by the NHS Test and Trace you must do so.
- If you experience any Covid 19 symptoms after our visit to Stratford and within 7 days please get a PCR test. You can do this by going onto the PCR test website (<https://www.gov.uk/getcoronavirus-test>) and if you test positive contact me by email [annjohnbowles@virginmedia.com](mailto:annjohnbowles@virginmedia.com) or my mobile 07981826871, so I can contact all those who attended.
- We will be asking you to complete a next of kin form on the coach and this will be destroyed after our visit to comply with data protection.
- Please take note of my mobile phone number 07981826871. I will be carrying this with me on the day and can be contacted if you have an emergency etc.

Thank you, Ann Bowles.



### **Bletchley Park Day Trip, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Bletchley Park, once the top-secret home of the World War Two Codebreakers, is now a vibrant heritage attraction.**

**You can discover incredible stories whilst exploring atmospheric Codebreaking Huts, wartime blocks and immersive exhibitions, all set within a former Victorian country estate.**

We will be leaving by coach from Hinckley Bus Station at 9.00am. This will be at the loading bay just before the last stop which is Rugby Rd end. Our second pick up point will be St. Catherine's Church in Burbage, leaving at 9.10am. The estimated time of arrival in Bletchley is approximately 10.45 am - traffic permitting.

We plan to return from Bletchley at 4.30pm, arriving back first at Burbage and then at Hinckley Bus Station at approximately 5.30pm.

We are giving priority on places to Canalside members, their family/friends. After this, members of other WIs will be offered places.

**I will be taking names from Canalside WI members from Nov 3rd meeting onwards.**

**The cost will be £38.00 without afternoon tea - or £58 per person if you are having afternoon tea.**

During the visit we have the opportunity to have afternoon tea at the Bletchley Mansion, this is normally off limits to the public, but if we book afternoon tea we can see inside and enjoy the atmosphere. The cost of this is £20 (Bletchley have offered to give us the 2020 price) which we have to pay in advance and by the 3rd January 2022; as we will be at Bletchley for about 6 hours it will make a real day of it.

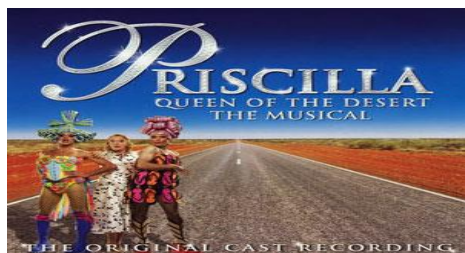
**So if you want to do the afternoon tea and Bletchley you will need to pay £58 in total. £20 as a deposit to confirm your place on the coach and Bletchley Park and £20 for the Afternoon Tea. (As we have to pay upfront for the tea when we book.) The rest of the payment of £18 by 3rd Jan 2022.**

If you would like to pay the whole amount of £58 at the start that's fine but it won't be refunded after Jan 3rd 2022, unless we have a reserve taking the seat. [Ann Bowles](#).

## **Priscilla Queen of the Desert**

Many ladies have missed theatre trips, so I am delighted to announce we will be looking at a group booking to the Concordia Theatre on **Wednesday 23 March 2022** to see Priscilla Queen of the Desert. **Tickets are priced at £13.50 now - because of numbers we get a discount.**

I hope many of you will support our local theatre. Ann will be taking names for me along with **£5 deposit** at the **November meeting**. **This will be the last chance to apply for tickets. Full amount needs to be paid at the December meeting.** Gill x



Based on the smash-hit movie, **PRISCILLA QUEEN OF THE DESERT** is the heart-warming, uplifting adventure of three friends who hop aboard a battered old bus bound for the Outback to put on the show of a lifetime. Their epic journey is a heart-warming story of self-discovery, sassiness and acceptance.

## **Some Bonfire Night Recipes**

November is fireworks month and I'm sure some of you are having bonfire parties, so here are a couple of ideas for food.



**Bonfire Bangers and Beans** (served with baked potatoes) Prep 10 mins, Cook 1Hour, Serves 8.

### **Ingredients:-**

- 3 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 finely chopped onion
- 2 finely chopped celery sticks
- 4 rashers streaky bacon, chopped
- 1 tbsp tomato puree



- 2 x 400g cans chopped tomatoes
- 2 tbsp dark brown sugar
- 2 tsp Dijon mustard
- 2 thyme sprigs
- 2 tsp Worcester sauce
- 2 x 400g cans cannellini beans rinsed and drained
- 2 red peppers, deseeded and chopped
- 2 x 450g packs herby sausages
- Handful parsley leaves, chopped (optional)

**Method** Heat 2 tbsp oil in large flameproof casserole dish. Add onion, celery and bacon and cook for 5-10 mins till softened. Add tomato puree and cook for 2 mins, then add tomatoes, sugar, mustard, thyme, Worcester sauce and 200ml water, then bring to boil and cook uncovered, over low heat for 15 mins. Add beans and peppers, then simmer for further 15 mins, topping up with a little boiling water, if needed.

Meanwhile, heat oven to 190C/ 170C fan oven/ gas 5 Toss sausages with remaining 1tbs oil and spread out on baking tray. Cook for 30 mins until browned all over, turning occasionally. Nestle the sausages amongst the beans, then cover and place in the oven, sprinkle over parsley, if using and serve with baked potatoes.



For something sweet, how about this bonfire favourite:

**Parkin** This needs to be made several days before you need it.

Prep 15 mins. Cooking time 1hr

Makes 16 squares

**Ingredients:**

200 gm butter

200gm + extra for greasing

1 large egg

4 tbs milk

200 gm golden syrup

85 gm treacle

85 gm brown sugar

100 gm medium oatmeal

250 gm SR flour

1 tbs ground ginger

**Method**

Heat oven to 160C/ 140C fan oven/ Gas 3

Butter a deep 22cm square cake tin and line with baking parchment. Beat egg and milk together.

Gently melt syrup, treacle, sugar and butter together in large pan until sugar has dissolved. Remove from heat. Mix together oatmeal flour and ginger and stir into syrup mixture, followed by the egg and milk.

Pour mixture into tin and bake for 50 mins to 1 hour until cake feels firm and a little crusty on top. Cool in the tin, then wrap in more parchment and foil. Keep for up to 5 days before eating if you can- it'll become softer and stickier the longer you leave it.

## A Summary of Events/Trips

For bookings please contact Ann Bowles on 07981 826871

Date	Event/Trip
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2021.	Bond Street Distillery Gin Tour      127 Upper Bond Street, Hinckley LE10 1RT 6.30pm start £7.50 pp
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2021	Bond Street Distillery Gin & Afternoon Tea/Coffee event 127 Upper Bond Street, Hinckley LE10 1RT 1:00pm start £20.00 pp
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Stratford-upon-Avon Victorian Christmas Market. Pick up at Hinckley Bus Station at 9.00am and St. Catherine's Church in Burbage at 9.10am.    £18
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Bletchley Park Day Trip Pick up at Hinckley Bus Station at 9.00am and St. Catherine's Church in Burbage at 9.10am. £38.00 without afternoon tea - or £58 per person with afternoon tea.
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Leicester Grammar School 10.30 am – 3.30pm. Tickets: £14 each. Tickets need to be applied for before 26 November 2021.
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2022	Concordia Theatre - Priscilla Queen of the Desert. Evening performance. Tickets £15. Last chance to book tickets at Nov meeting. Deposit £5. December meeting last date for payments.

**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 Events

### Annual Council Meeting 2022

Leicester Grammar School

Saturday, 19 March 2022, 10.30 am – 3.30pm. Tickets: £14 each



**Susan McEniff**

Director of Marketing & Fundraising,

Leicester Charity Link - finding funding

for people in need since 1876.



**Dickie Arbiter**

HM The Queen's former press

secretary.



**Dr Annie Gray**

Food historian, author and broadcaster.

The ACM is always an excellent day out and the speakers are always informative and very entertaining. There are also stalls selling a variety of products, including, for example, cakes, handbags, scarves, crafts, WI products etc.

Angela Sparham has kindly volunteered to be our delegate with Carol Beasley as reserve delegate. Thanks to both.

## Other County Events

County events need to be booked and paid for at the WI meeting. I will be seated at the County Events table, Judith Smith.

**Goldwork Techniques.** Saturday 13th November. 10 am - 3 pm at WI House. Cost £20. Suitable for beginners or more experienced embroiderers.

**Christmas Dabble Day.** 27th November 2021 - £5 , WI House - a Festive fun filled session with crafts to try.

**Belvoir Castle.** 3rd December 2021, Ticket only £33, Ticket and coach £42. Enjoy a Regency Christmas & light trail in the Gardens.

**Margaret Johnson Trophy Competition 2022.** Writing challenge of 500 words. Title 'Memorable Day Out'. Cost £4. Closing date 10th January 2022.

**Federation Art Trophy 2021/22 'Fairground'.** Cost £4. Closing date 10th February 2022. See me for the detailed rules on size etc.

**TLH Torquay Holiday, 7th - 11th February 2022.** Cost £295pp.

Goldwork Techniques 13th November. Use metallic threads and learn the basics of this style of embroidery. WI House, £20, 10am -3pm.

**Cocktails , Mocktails and Festive Canapes.** 20th November, Mary Foryann centre, 2 - 5pm, £17.50

**Festive Florals Workshop,** 4th December, 10 -12 noon or 2-4pm. Choose to make either a door hanging or table centre for Christmas. £20, Village Hall North Kilworth.