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HINCKLEY CANALSIDE WI

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President's New Year Message



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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

I hope you've all had a good Christmas and are keeping well.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our first meeting of 2022 this **Wednesday, 12th January.**

Following updates to the Government Covid Advice...NFWI has simplified and updated W.I. meeting guidance with immediate effect...see below.

Dear members. At the start and end of Meetings we do require HELP in putting out and clearing away tables/chairs etc. So, if you are able, we would very much appreciate your arriving at 7:00 pm and lending a hand.

In spite of all the Covid rules and regulations, I have to let you know that your committee is working hard to create a really good 2022 -2023 Programme of Speakers and Trips for you all to enjoy.

It's not too late to share a good idea for a trip or an excellent Speaker you may know of. Please don't be shy let one of us know.

Margaret Lawrence. Phone **01455230046** email canalsidewi49@gmail.com

New Covid safety advice

Very important: From Friday 10th December 2021, face coverings will be required by law in most indoor settings in England.

This now applies to our meeting at the Mary Forryan Centre. It is **mandatory** for our members to wear a face mask/covering. If a member or visitor arrives at the meeting without a face mask we will have to remind them to wear one.

Should you be exempt please inform me at least one day before the meeting. Members do not need to reveal the nature of their exemption... but it will enable me to pass on their details to Pat McShane who will be taking a register as usual in the reception area.

Please think about safe distances when face coverings are removed for example when tea/coffee and cake is served. Face coverings need to be worn again once the exempt activity is finished. We have to adhere to the safety measures that still need to be in place

- Ensure venue is well ventilated
- Ensure access to handwashing facilities and hand sanitisers
- Ensure Covid guidance is clear and accessible to all Members
- Stay at home if you have any symptoms. This includes members, visitors and speakers.
- If you have symptoms get a PCR test and self-isolate
- Inform your WI Committee if you attended a WI meeting/activity and have tested positive For Covid in the last 10 days.

Please bring your own cup/mug. Thank you for your co-operation

January Meeting

Change to speaker.

Our planned speaker for January Charlotte Wakeling, who was going to demonstrate her unique handmade silver jewellery, has had to cancel for personal reasons. However, I have secured Wendy Martin to talk to us about "South Africa - Trails of the Garden Route".

Walk the coastal trails, explore sand dunes on the Alexandria Trail, visit a penguin colony in Simon's Town.

Hike up Skeleton Gorge to Table Mountain, and visit Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned.

She also undertakes valuable work for a charity called Send a Cow.

ACWW...Pennies for Friendship



The Christmas raffle raised £89.10 which will be donated to this cause. Many of you also put lots of your loose change in the pots around the room. Please continue doing this in our January and February meetings and we shall have a good amount to send off at the end of February.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

Look out for the purple bucket where you will find more information about ACWW.

Sales Table

There will be a sales table at our meeting but please note from now on we are only going to be selling donated books and also the cassettes and DVDs that have been donated.

Over the time we've been running it we've found that we don't sell much of anything that members bring to sell and really it's a waste of member's time and also I know it's been disappointing for some members, when they haven't been able to sell anything they've brought along. As we sell many more books, we are just going to be selling these from now. All items will be priced at 50p, so please bring the right change with you, if you can. Thank you, Cath

Cakemakers



Cakes for this meeting will be made mainly by members of the committee. Ann and Mandy volunteered at our recent committee meeting and Justine very kindly volunteered Karen, Jenny and her mum Maureen 😊😊

Thanks to you all.

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.

Meeting Snapshot



At the December meeting we had our annual Christmas Party.

We had a really good turnout considering the cold weather. Cath Greenwell did an excellent job providing the entertainment playing her organ and doing a festive themed quiz which became very entertaining! We had the usual wonderful buffet with plenty left over, which Mandy Cutler kindly took to Lawrence House for the residents to enjoy. We had a good old singalong with Christmas Carols including The Twelve Days of Christmas Song which has become a Christmas party tradition for our WI. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves. We had a wonderful raffle and raised £89 which we are donating to the Pennies for Friendship for women around the world. I am looking forward to next year and a fun packed 2022 with Hinckley Canalside WI.

Stratford Christmas Market 10th December



On Friday 10th December 32 members went to the Stratford Christmas Market. It was the first market for 2 years and as you can imagine it was really busy. The streets were divided into various areas for food, drink and Christmas crafts. There was so much choice of crafts it was hard to choose, they varied from hats, gloves, scarfs to beautiful Christmas candles and ornaments. There was a Salvation Army band playing Christmas carols and it felt as if Christmas was very close. The weather was kind to us and although it was very cold it kept dry. Finally we got back onto our coach for the drive home and a raffle.



Meet the Committee



Margaret Lawrence is our new President. Previously, she was our programme secretary.

She is responsible for fronting our monthly meetings, is the key holder, she fields the emails and calls from members. She sends out the monthly newsletters and circulates information to members.

We wish her well in her new position as President.

Clubs and Teams

Walking Group



Happy New Year to you all, hope you had a wonderful Christmas and are ready to star 2022 with renewed optimism.

Our January walk is on Wednesday 19th. We will meet at the Hansom Cab at the usual time of 10.45am for an 11.00am start. The walk will take us along an offroad footpath at the back of the DPD depot towards the A5.

We will then walk up through Sketchley Old Village and head back towards the Hansom Cab.

Darts



Not a great response from members to join up but enough to enter a team in our WI league.

You really don't have to be good at darts! It's a fun evening with an opportunity to meet ladies from other W.I.s.

It will be starting in March and am hoping to arrange a practice match before then. Let me know if you are interested.
Pat McShane

Book Club



We had our second meeting at **Café in the Atkin's Building** on 13th December and had another good turnout. '**The Paper Bracelet**' by **Rachel English** gave us plenty to discuss and we all agreed it was a great book to start on.

For our next meeting we are going back to The Greyhound on **Monday 13th January at 11am**. The book is "**The Crossing Places**" by **Elly**. All are welcome even if you have not read the book. Please talk to me at the meeting or contact me by email or text for more information.

My contact details are pat.mcs@hotmail.com or 07714 097947.

Bits and Bobs Craft Group



The Craft Group will be meeting on Tuesday 25th January at the rear room of The Plough. I have been told that we can park in the church car park, though it gets very dark there! We will hopefully be preparing new (simple) name badges for all.

As the room is given freely, it would be appropriate for members to buy a drink, there's obviously hot and the usual cold beverages available.

Future Events and Trips

Guided Walk on Haunted Leicester – Wednesday 30th March



As you know, at our February meeting we are looking forward to hearing Caroline Roberts' presentation on Haunted Leicester. Caroline is not only a Blue Badge Guide, but also the Lord Mayor's Guide.

Committee members decided to offer members the opportunity to go on **Caroline's Guided Walk on Haunted Leicester**. We have booked the **afternoon of Wednesday 30th March, starting at 4.00pm**; the walk will last about 1 hour 30

minutes. We will not be arranging transport as it is easier to either use the Enderby Park and Ride facility or lift share and drive into Leicester. Services operate from 7am to 7pm, Monday to Saturday, with buses running every 15 minutes.

There is a park and ride bus stop near Leicester Cathedral, which is why we have requested that the guided walk starts there.



You can listen to tales of ghosts in abundance and visit places they frequent to hear why. Who is Black Annis and the White Lady? Where were Ebenezer and Winifred and why should you be very careful near the Cathedral?

I have already been on this guided walk and recommend it to you; it will be a very enjoyable event.

The cost is dependent upon the number of participants – but assuming that we get 15 people interested then it would be £6.50 per person.

Names and monies will be taken at the January and February meetings.

Thank you, Mandy.

Concordia Theatre Wed 11th May



I am delighted to announce we will be looking at a group booking to the Concordia Theatre on Wednesday 11 May 2022 to see The Sound of Music. Tickets are priced at £16 each. However, if we take a party of over 10, this will be reduced to £14.40.

I will be taking names along with £5 deposit at our January meeting. Full payment will need to be made at our February meeting.

Gill x

RECIPE of the MONTH

SLOW COOKER SAUSAGE CASSEROLE.

January is such a depressing, cold month, so warm yourself up, with this easy to make dinner recipe. If you don't have a slow cooker, now is the time to treat yourself to one. They usually come in 3 sizes. I have a 3.5 litre one. They make even the cheapest meat, really tender. Stick it on in the late morning and forget about it until the evening. I make this quite often, it's quick and easy. Just prepare the amount of vegetables you need and use your favourite sausages.



(For a 3.5 litre slow cooker)

Ingredients:-

Potatoes, peeled and sliced.

Carrots, peeled and sliced.

Sausages, cut in half.

Small tin of chopped tomatoes.

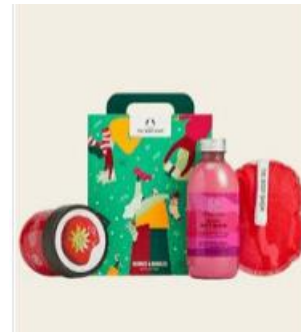
Packet of Colmans sausage casserole mix.

Method:-

Put sausages in slow cooker first, then add carrots and tomatoes. Then place sliced potatoes all over the top. Lastly put the packet mix in a measuring jug, add a small amount of cold water to mix and stir well till mixed in and then add boiling

water, stirring as you go, to 400 ml mark, for the 3.5 litre slow cooker, adjust amount for the other sizes. If it seems a bit thin, add some thickening granules or pork gravy to thicken it. Add it to the slow cooker. (Don't use cold water, it will take forever to heat up.) Turn the heat up on to high and leave for 5 to 6 hours. **Enjoy.**

RAFFLE



We are holding raffles every other month, so our next one will be at our February meeting.

If you have any suitable items for raffle prizes, we would be really grateful to receive these. You can pass them to me at our January meeting.

Looking forward to seeing everyone then – and thank you for your continued support.

Gill x

A Summary of Events/Trips

For bookings please contact Ann Bowles on 07981 826871

Date	Event/Trip
Wednesday 23 rd March 2022 Starts at 7.30pm.	Concordia Theatre - Priscilla Queen of the Desert. Evening performance. December meeting last date for payments. Tickets £13.50p
Wednesday 30 th March	Haunted Leicester Guided Walk
Wednesday 11 th May	The Sound of Music, Cocordia
Watch this space	😊😊😊

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

County events need to be booked and paid for at the WI meeting.

[See Judith.](#)

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

Art Competition, Crown and Jewels. An item in any medium incorporating a crown in some way with the theme crown and jewels. Entry £1.

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

The Edith Buckley Poetry Competition. To use any poetic form to celebrate aspects of Queen Elizabeth's life and work over the last 70years. Entries are to be on A4 paper, no more than 250 words. Entrance fee is £4. Closing date 10th February 2022.

Petanque Evening, Friday 25th February 2022. Birstall. Tickets £5 to include ham or cheese cob. 7,00pm start. Tuition Available.

