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HINCKLEY CANALSIDE WI

March 2022

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President's Message

Hi Everyone, Hope you are all ok and have survived the wrath of storm Eunice. On her travels through the country, she managed to throw part of my pergola roof over the wall and uprooted a neighbour's fence and gate before she moved on to create damage elsewhere. Lucky I guess!

A lot of you have told me how much you enjoyed last month's Speaker Caroline Roberts, and 28 members are looking forward to going on her "Haunted Leicester Guided Walk" on 30th March.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Subscriptions for this year are due on the 1st April and must be paid by end of April. We are going to be collecting the subscription monies at the **APRIL** meeting. If you are not able to attend the April Meeting, you can pay at the March one. Caroline has said she will take your cheque or Bank transfer at our March Meeting.

DETAILS

[Members Fee for 2022/23 is £44. Dual Members fee £21.60](#)

Cheques

Make payable to "**Hinckley Canalside WI**". Please print your name clearly on the back of the cheque, as some signatures are unreadable.

Finally thank you for your support which is so important if Canalside WI is to continue to thrive and offer members a rich experience. Whilst members have until the end of April 2022 to pay their subscriptions, early payment will help the committee for planning purposes. Receipts will not be posted but given out at the next monthly meeting.

Our speaker next month is Tom Phillips "Chocolatier" he is an excellent Speaker and the chocolate he brings is delicious...just right for Easter.

Please remember to bring your own mug/cup for tea/coffee.

Volunteers to help with the chairs would be appreciated. Please arrive about 7:00pm before everyone else arrives

I had several complaints about people 'abandoning' their cars in the car park, taking up two spaces instead of parking within the white lines (although I don't think it was our ladies) so please be mindful when parking.

Looking forward to seeing you all again.

Margaret Lawrence, President

[Canalside WI Programme 2022 -23](#)

Committee members thought that you would like a preview of the future programme, so here it is.

Now that face-to-face meetings have resumed, all members will be issued with a programme card on renewal of their subscription in April.

Thanks to Sue Barden –Marshall for all her work on organising the schedule of speakers. I hope you will agree that there is an excellent range of presentations together with varied and exciting additional events!

Mandy.

<p style="text-align: center;">SPEAKERS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2022</p> <p>April 6th The Wonders of Silver Clay</p> <p>Join Charlotte Wakeling, of Felix & Reuben Keepsake Jewellery, as she introduces us to the magical processes of silver clay jewellery making.</p> <p>May 4th WI Resolutions and Line Dancing</p> <p>Professional dance instructor, Rebecca Blower, and assistant, Roxy, will explain the history and development of line dancing. Demonstrations - plus a chance for you to have a go!</p> <p>June 1st Hollywood Screen Legend</p> <p>Julie Kinnear (nee Ede) will give us a fascinating insight into the life and times of the unforgettable Marilyn Monroe.</p> <p>SATURDAY 11TH JUNE NFWI ANNUAL MEETING</p>	<p>July 6th Hinckley - Bygone Times</p> <p>They say the past is a foreign land. Paul Gardner, from Hinckley District Past and Present, will unveil Hinckley's varied past - the famous, notorious and unusual.</p> <p>SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST Canalside WI Fundraising Charity Market Stall</p> <p>September 7th What Could Possibly Go Wrong?</p> <p>Be prepared for funny tales and unforeseen mishaps as Steve Brooks shares his travel experiences.</p> <p>October 5th Floral Fun!</p> <p>NAFAS area demonstrator, Lynn Sharpe, will demonstrate the art of flower arranging. A chance to win one of her magical arrangements!</p> <p>November 2nd Annual Meeting and Jerusalem Jammers</p> <p>After the business, we will be entertained by the garland dancers – maybe 'Pixie down the Line' or the 'Shrewsbury Flourish' complete with wooden spoons.</p>	<p>December 7th Xmas Party Night</p> <p>Come and enjoy some festive fun with our buffet and entertainment. Members only.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2023</p> <p>January 11th Belly Dancing</p> <p>Myth busting and amusing tales by professional belly dancer, fire eater and snake charmer Roxanne Dinsdale. There will also be costumes for you to try on and practise your moves!</p> <p>February 1st Wildlife of the Blue Mountains and Sydney</p> <p>From vibrant fairy wrens to noisy cockatoos, frogmouths to fruit bats, Nick Martin will draw you in with the many images he has accumulated during his exploration of this enchanting area and its nature.</p> <p>March 1st Bread Making</p> <p>Michelle Stratford, of Planet Leicester Bakers, will demonstrate the joy of bread making and there will be a variety of samples.</p>
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OUTINGS AND EVENTS 2022 -23

<p>Thursday 28th April 7-00pm start</p> <p>SOS Fashion Show, Mary Forryan Centre</p>	<p>Friday 5th August Day trip</p> <p>Sezincote House and Gardens, Cotswolds</p>
<p>Saturday 7th May Day visit</p> <p>The National Arboretum, Staffs</p>	<p>Saturday 24th September Day trip</p> <p>A cruise aboard the Rutland Belle and Stamford, Lincs</p>
<p>Wednesday 11th May Evening</p> <p>Concordia, The Sound of Music</p>	<p>Wednesday 12th October Evening</p> <p>Beetle Drive at The Greyhound</p>
<p>Wednesday 8th June Afternoon tour</p> <p>Ancient Ruins of Guys Cliffe, Warks</p>	<p>Saturday 3rd December Day trip</p> <p>Worcester Victorian Christmas Fayre</p>
<p>Thursday 16th June 12 noon onwards</p> <p>Ladies' Day at Badgers Mount Hotel</p>	<p>Tuesday 7th Feb Evening</p> <p>Canalside WI Quiz at Stoke Golding Club</p>
<p>Saturday 9th July Day trip</p> <p>Hampton Court Palace, Surrey</p>	<p>March to October 2022</p> <p>LRFWI darts and skittles</p>

Cake Makers



A big Thank You to the following who very kindly volunteered to bake or buy cakes for our March meeting: **Jane Burke, Mary Groombridge, Tina Moore, Angela Nollett, Helen Staniforth and Heather White.**

PLEASE ONLY BRING ENOUGH FOR A MAXIMUM OF 10 PEOPLE.

We have had a lot left over at previous meetings.

If you prefer you could bring some fruit instead. In the past this has been appreciated by some members.

Thanks again 😊

Pat.

ACWW: Pennies for Friendship



Pleased to say that we sent off a cheque of £125 to this worthy cause.

Hopefully next year we can raise a little more. There are cups dotted around at our meetings where you can put your loose change for this worthy cause. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**

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

No Raffle this month.....back again in April.

Sales Table

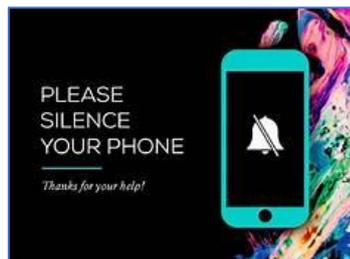
As usual, I will hopefully be running the sales table, for books, CD's and DVD's. All selling for 50p each. Bargain!! Please try and bring the right change with you.

Also don't forget I have the **Trades Directory**, for you to look at, if you need a tradesperson to do some work for you. It's good to know someone has recommended a reputable company.

If you've had some work done and you want to recommend the company, then get a trades card from them and write down a few details about the work they've done for you. Give your name too.

Also if you've seen an interesting talk/ demo, or visited somewhere you think we might be interested in, **please fill in a form I have on the sales table** and the committee members in charge of arranging speakers and trips will look into your recommendations.

Thank you, Cath.



Meeting Snapshot

Wednesday 2nd February 2022 Meeting.



At our February meeting we had an interesting evening with Caroline Roberts, Blue Badge Tourist Guide from Leicester. She gave a fascinating talk on Haunted Leicester. Caroline first talked about the history of Leicester's Guildhall, The Corn Exchange and The Cathedral. She told the harrowing story of James Cook, the last man to be gibbeted in England, after being hung outside Leicester Prison.

Caroline told ghost stories of The White Lady and The Greyfriars Monk and how Roman Soldiers can be seen walking down New Walk. We learnt about Winifred and Ebenezer, two resident ghosts from a building taken over by Age UK in Leicester and how the bodies of two people and a cat were found in the cellar there. After they had a proper burial Winifred and Ebenezer were never seen again.

Meet the Committee

Lisa Parkins



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Lisa is front of house, at meetings.

She is the welcome person for new members.

She maintains the committee details data and updates the members handbook.

She coordinates the collection of things for the Food Bank which is the charity we are supporting this year.

Bring your postage stamps to her.

Clubs and Teams

Darts



We have 9 ladies signed up to represent Canalside WI in this years Leicestershire and Rutland Darts Competition. There are 6 teams in our group and over the next 5 months we shall play every one of the other 5. Winner of the group goes through to the knock-out stage! Hopefully the team can get together for a practice and sharing of info very soon.

Supporters are always welcome 😊

Pat McShane

Walking Group

February Walk: On Wednesday 16th February, a group of seven ladies and two four legged friends met in Stoke Golding for our monthly walk.



The weather was quite mild and dry. We took a route through Stoke Golding, along High Street into Stoke Road towards Dadlington. We continued through Dadlington, around The Green, then headed back to Stoke Golding via Hinckley Road.

The beginning of Spring was evident, as we were treated to spring flowers along the route on the roadside and in gardens.

Next month's walk is on Wednesday 16th March. This is being led by Mandy Cutler.
Sue x

March Walk: Our next walk will be on **Wednesday 16th March at Catthorpe**. We will start at Manor Farm Shop and Cafe, Main Street, Catthorpe LE17 6DB. Please meet here at 10.45am to start walking at 11.00am.

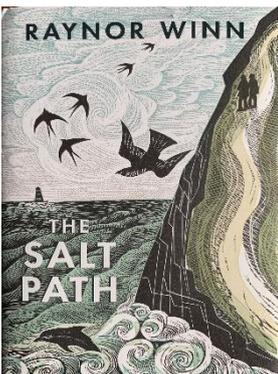
Whilst most of this circular rural walk is along lanes/roads the last section will be along a footpath and across one field (no stiles) so you will need to wear sturdy, waterproof footwear if we have had rain. The walk is 2.9 miles. We will be able to enjoy a cup of tea in the café afterwards!

To get to Catthorpe leave Hinckley on the A5 East (towards Lutterworth). At the Magna Park roundabout, continue on the A5 and head for Milton Keynes.

Staying on the A5, go over the Gibbet Cross Roundabout and continue on the A5 (Lutterworth is first left and Rugby third turning). Just under 2 miles later, the road/signs to Catthorpe will be on the left hand side. The farm shop is on your left once you reach the village. There is quite a large car park and plenty of room to park on the side of the road if necessary. Mandy.



Book Club



14 of us got together in The Greyhound on Monday 14th February to discuss **Wuthering Heights**. Good to see some new faces and welcome back some old ones 😊 There was lots of lively discussion and laughs as well. Many had memories of reading it at school and watching one of the many films that have been made. Despite it being a difficult book to read the majority gave a positive review. There were however one or two who could not find anything positive to say about it!! We will read some more classics, but not for a while! Our next book is **"The Salt Path" by Raynor Winn**. This is a true story that is about coming to terms with grief and walking the South-West Coast Path.

Our next meeting is at **The Greyhound on Monday 14th March at 12.30pm**. ALL WELCOME.

Bits and Bobs Craft Group



On Tuesday 22nd February we met in the back room of The Plough. We had a really good evening trying to make Dorset Buttons. As this was a new thing for some of us, it took some concentration and we didn't manage to complete any! Some of us are going to carry on next month, others are going to complete them at home.

On Tuesday 29th March we will be meeting in the same place, 6.30-8pm. We are going to make some knitted/crocheted/felt Easter egg cosies. Or not!



For any information, feel free to email me at collsimpson@yahoo.co.uk. **Colleen.**

Future Events and Trips

Guided Walk on Haunted Leicester – Wednesday 30th March



This event is now full.

It will take place on the **afternoon of Wednesday 30th March, starting at 4.00pm**; the walk will last about 1 hour 30 minutes. Please use the Enderby Park and Ride facility or lift share and drive into Leicester. Park and ride services operate from 7am to 7pm, Monday to Saturday, with buses running every 15minutes.

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

Caroline Roberts will be your guide and she has asked that

members gather at the statue of Richard Third, outside the cathedral, at the start of the walk. If you are early, it is free to go in the Guildhall and there are toilets there.

Refund: At the outset of advertising this event, the costing was calculated on 15 people attending - £6.50.

Now that there are more participants, the charge per person will be £4.

Hence members who have already paid need to collect a refund of £2.50 at the next meeting. Thank you, Mandy

Concordia Theatre Trip Priscilla Queen of the Desert



This Concordia Theatre trip is on **Wednesday 23 March 2022**, to see Priscilla Queen of the Desert.

If you are going to see this show I will meet you in the coffee lounge to hand out tickets from 7.00pm

Gill x

Fashion Show, Thursday 28th April



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Date for your diary, Thursday 28th April 2022 at 7pm. What you have been waiting for, our Fashion Show is returning! Come along and bring friends and family.

Major high street brands at discount prices. Sizes 6 to 30. So come along and have a fun evening.

Any purchases can be paid for by cash or card, NO CHEQUES.

We are still looking for 2 or 3 models for the night. Give names to Sue!

Tickets will be on sale at the March and April meetings and will cost £6. This will include light refreshments.

Sue x

Walking Netball



A few years ago British Netball got in touch with WIs suggesting that Walking Netball would be a good form of exercise for WI members. At the time Canalside had a lot of and decided not to get involved. Hollycroft WI in Hinckley did. Professionals spoke to the members and ran some lessons and then passed it on to the WI to run itself.

They're still going strong and meet every Tuesday at Green Towers. They would welcome members of Canalside to join them. It is gentle exercise and a lot of fun. A few members of Canalside already go, myself included, and I really enjoy it.

If you need any more information please ask me at meetings or contact me.

pat.mcs@hotmail.com

Recipe of the Month

Ritzy Chicken Leftovers

This month, with all the news about the cost of living rising, I thought I'd do a recipe to use up your leftovers.



Ingredients:-

- Cooked chicken, roughly chopped.
- Tin of cream of chicken soup.
- Grated cheese.
- Crushed Ritz crackers.

Method:-

- Heat oven to 350F/170C/gas 3.
- Arrange chicken on bottom of greased casserole dish.
- Spoon over chicken soup.
- Cover with grated cheese.
- Put crushed Ritz biscuits on top of cheese.
- Cook for 35 to 49 mins until hot.

A Summary of Events/Trips

For bookings please contact Ann Bowles on 07981 826871

Date	Event/Trip
Wednesday 23 rd March Starts at 7.30pm.	Concordia Theatre - Priscilla Queen of the Desert. Evening performance.
Wednesday 30 th March	Haunted Leicester Guided Walk.
Wednesday 11 th May	Concordia Theatre - The Sound of Music. All monies must be paid at the February meeting.
Thursday 28 th April	Fashion Show at the Mary Forryan Centre. Tickets on sale at the March and April meetings. meeting, £6.

Other future events and trips can be found on page 2 on the new programme.

[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.

Goldwork Techniques, 5th March. 10-3pm Cost £20, venue WI House. Use metallic threads and learn the basics of this type of embroidery

Speaker's Showcase Evening, 28th April, Goodwood Bowls club. 6.30pm, £5 including tea/coffee and biscuits. An opportunity to hear new speakers.

Celebration Tea Party, May 7th Broughton Astley Village Hall, £20, 1.30pm. Enjoy a delicious tea and join in with singing songs from the last seven decades of the Queen's reign.

Celebration Lunch, 21st May, Beedles Golf Club. £30 to include pre-lunch drinks and lunch. Join in with singing songs from the last seven decades of the Queen's reign

Photographic Competition, Leicestershire and Rutland Scenes and Events. Photos to be submitted by Thursday 28 July 2022, £2.00 per entry.

Please see me at the County Events table if you are interested in any of the activities. Judith Smith