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INSPIRING WOMEN



HINCKLEY CANALSIDE WI

MAY 2022

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President's Message

Hi Everyone,

I hope quite a lot of you ladies who have had covid these past few weeks are now fully recovered...it seems to take such a time to get over it.

At the **May meeting**, as well as voting on the **WI Resolution**, we are also going to draw this year's **Bursary**.

Bursary Because of the covid lockdown we had to suspend the bursary in 2021. The bursary of up to £100, is to spend on a federation approved course or an activity locally. It includes costs of travel and materials and has to be booked no later than September. Full or dual members simply post their names in the bursary box provided. The conditions are that the course is booked in the same financial year and takes place within 12 months of the draw. You cannot enter the draw if you have been a previous winner in the last 5 years. More information regarding the bursary is on the website and In the Members Handbook. Good Luck!

We are also planning our **Queen's Jubilee Night on the 1st of June**, more details from Ann in the Newsletter and, if you can think of any other ideas that will make the night even more special. Please let **Cath** know on the sale of books table.



Colleen and Carol will be starting their **Jigsaw Swap** at this month's meeting. As usual we would really appreciate some volunteers to help set up the table and chairs, so please arrive about 7:00pm before everyone else arrives. Please remember your own cup/mug for the tea/coffee as there are not many paper cups available.



May speaker

This month's meeting should be a lot of fun, we are going to be **Line Dancing** with Rebecca and Roxy, so YEE HAW everyone.

Look forward to seeing you all at our meeting.

Margaret Lawrence.

Resolutions The resolution '**Women and Girls with ASD and ADHD are under-identified, under-diagnosed, mis-diagnosed and under-supported**' was the one that received most votes from WI members nationwide. In our meeting we will vote by a show of hands whether to support this resolution or not.



Women and Girls with ASD & ADHD Under-identified, Under-diagnosed, Misdiagnosed, Under-Supported

Women and girls presenting with autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) are going undiagnosed. The NFW calls on the government and funding bodies to fund research into the female presentation of ASD and ADHD, and for action to be taken to improve the diagnosis process for women and girls, to ensure that they are equipped to better manage these conditions and do not suffer in silence. The NFW further calls on WI members to raise awareness within their WIs of the issues facing women and girls with ASD and ADHD.

ACWW/Pennies for Friendship Please remember to put any loose change into the plastic cups around the hall or in the purple bucket. You can find further information in the bucket. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Jigsaw Swap



At the May meeting there will be a jigsaw puzzle swap table. I'll be bringing 15-20 of various types. If you'd like to swap one, please bring it with the pieces preferably in a tied/sealable bag. If they're loose, they may get lost. It's free to swap a puzzle or two. If you just want to take one, it'll be £2. This money will go towards buying replacements from a charity shop. The money will not be going to WI funds, in case there's any doubt. I won't have any change, so please bring the correct money. It's not a library, so you may not see "your" puzzle again - please don't bring any you want back. Looking forward to seeing you! **Colleen.**

Book sales table I will continue with the book sale this month. £1 for 3 books or CD's. When most of them have gone, I would like to replace them with some new ones. If you have any books you want to donate, PLEASE DON'T bring any with you, but instead, come and see me and give me your name and contact number. I don't want to be inundated with books as I just don't have storage space for lots. I will contact you when I can take more. **Thanks Cath**

Trades Directory

Please don't forget to pass on details to me, if you have any work done at your home. If you can get a trade card and give a few details about the work that has been done, it will be helpful to other members. The folder is on the book sales table. You can come and look for a tradesman that someone has recommended. **Cath**

Speaker/Visits

Also, please would let us know if you have been anywhere that's not too far away, where we could have a group visit to, or you have seen a good speaker somewhere. We are always after new speakers and places to visit, especially if it's in our locality. I have some notepaper on the sales table for you to write down anything you recommend. **Cath**

Raffle



We will be holding a raffle at our next meeting - tickets 2 for £1. If you have any suitable raffle items you would like to donate, please let me have these at the meeting.

Thanking you **Gill x**

Cake makers A big Thank You to the following who very kindly volunteered to bake or buy cakes for our April meeting: **Lin Harris, Mary Rowley, Maureen Osborne, Toni Bennett and Teresa Leavitt.**

Please only bring enough for a maximum of 10 people.

If you prefer you could bring some fruit instead. In the past this has been appreciated by some members. Thanks again 😊 **Pat**



Meet the Committee

Jenny Wright



Jenny Wright
Refreshments

Jenny collects the money for refreshments each month and also helps in the kitchen making and serving the refreshments.

Jenny is also on the Fund-Raising Committee.

Clubs and Teams

Walking Group



April Walk

A group of 6 ladies and 3 four legged friends met in the pretty village of Shackerstone. It was a sunny spring morning. We walked through the village, admiring the pretty cottages and enjoying the lovely spring flowers and the blossom.

Once through the village, we took the tow path along the Ashby canal where we passed several barges moored up. We then went to the Shackerstone railway station where we had freshly made refreshments at the Victorian Tea Room.

This walk was very kindly led by Joy Wright.

May Walk

Our next walk is on Wednesday 18th May, we will meet at Burbage Common by the cafe for an 11.00am start.

This walk will take in the common and the woods.

Sue x



Book Club

Toni Bennett led our last meeting: 11 members attended The Book Club in April where the book under review was **'Behind the Scenes at The Museum'** by **Kate Atkinson**. After initially scoring the book from 2 to 5 out of 5, a lively discussion on the pros and cons of the book ensued.

On the style and structure of the narrative many felt that the going backwards and forwards in time, via footnotes, happened too much. There were too many characters to remember so a family tree would have been useful.

The story itself – a meander through a family tree- provoked a lot of discussion, many enjoying how the author writes descriptions, incorporating wit and black humour, as well as dealing with family secrets through generations and mental health. Many of the scenes brought back vivid memories from our own childhoods, especially the descriptions of washing days and the routines and life expectations of women from early 20th century to now. We enjoyed reflecting on all the change that we have seen and experienced.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 9th May at 11.30 at the Greyhound**. All welcome 😊

We will be discussing **"The Other Passenger"** by **Louise Candlish** and **"I See You"** by **Clare Mackintosh**. We plan to compare these 2 books that both involve murder and are set in London but are very different!



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Darts



We have played 2 games now and have won both 😊 Our recent victory over Shearsby and Arnesby WI was close but we managed to win 4-3. Our 3rd match is against Great Glen WI at the Railway in Countesthorpe on Tuesday 24th May. We are enjoying it so much that we have arranged a practice session at The New Plough for Tuesday 3rd May at 7pm. All Welcome! **Pat**



Bits and Bobs Craft Group

This group meet on the **last Tuesday of the month** and hence sometimes they miss the deadline for the newsletter. They meet in the back room of **The Plough, 6.30-8pm.**



On **29th March** most of us made (or at least started!) knitted or felt chicks for crème egg holders, whilst one member completed a previously started button.

We next met on **26th April**, when we had a thoroughly enjoyable meeting making hammered flower cards, which sound easy and can look effective, and bookmarks using fresh flowers. We welcomed four more new members over the last two months and so are now at our limit for the space and ease of talking to each other!



We are aiming to make crepe and paper flowers on **May 24th**, usual place and time.

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

Colleen

Future Events and Trips

Hampton Court Palace Day Trip on Saturday 9th July



The next meeting will be the last to pay for the Hampton Court Palace trip which is £43. I still have 7 spaces and I would very much like to fill them so if family and friends would like to go on Saturday 9th July they would be most welcome.

Those members who have only paid a deposit will now need to pay the rest of the cost.



If you are booking a trip please could you pay the correct money or by cheque, remembering that £50 notes are difficult to pay into our account, so we would ask you not to offer them.

All future trips are going to be booked in a slightly different way. If possible, when you put your name down we will ask for a deposit. This will I hope make things a bit easier to administer.

Ann



Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 1st June



We are going to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee before our usual monthly meeting.

We will be starting at **6.30pm** which is an hour earlier than usual but please do not come earlier than that unless you are prepared to help us put out chairs and decorate the room.

The committee have decided to ask us all to come in red, white and blue. There will be a competition for the best crown or coronet worn by a member.

We will be having a glass of prosecco or a soft drink and a scone with cream and jam. This will be at the usual cost of £1.00.

We will also be having some patriotic music whilst we enjoy our refreshments.

Our speaker **Julie Kinnear** (Ede) will be talking about **Marilyn Munroe** as in our programme.



Photo: The Queen's Platinum Jubilee



Royal Ascot Ladies Day at Badgers Mount



Thursday 16 June 2022 12.00 midday.

£52.50 per head. £10 deposit required with your menu choice. A fantastic day includes a glass of prosecco on arrival. Three course luncheon. Staff place your bets on your chosen horses. There are large TV screens to view each race. Very attentive staff with fun competitions for the best hat and the best dressed lady! All this is followed by a delicious afternoon tea. If you are interested, please give your name and deposit with your menu choice (copies of the menu will be available) to the ladies on our Trips Desk at our May meeting.

Many thanks. [Justine Goodwin](#)



If you are joining us at the Concordia Theatre on **Wednesday 11 May 2022** to see The Sound of Music. I will meet you upstairs in the foyer area to give you your tickets.

Looking forward to seeing you then [Gill x](#)

Hinckley Canalside WI new member's evening, Thursday 26th May at 7.30.

We are planning a small, informal meeting for new members to learn a little more about the WI organisation, and the history and organisation of Hinckley Canalside WI, with an opportunity to socialise and ask any questions. We also hope to give a short demonstration on how to access our website, and information on MYWI. Any members who have joined since before the pandemic should receive an invitation by email. If you haven't, please check your spam, and with Lisa or Pat that we have your correct email address.

Existing members who are interested in coming are also welcome to join us; **please let Lisa Parkins know if you will be attending**, so we can plan seating and refreshments. Lisa is in the foyer area at meetings, at the visitor/new member desk. The meeting will be in the back room of the Greyhound Pub in New Buildings.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

It's May and Spring lamb is in the supermarkets. How about an easy dinner recipe for you to try.

Easy Lamb Stew



Ingredients

- 1 KG lamb shoulder cut into cubes
- 4 tbsp vegetable oil, flour for coating lamb, 30 g unsalted butter
- Freshly ground black pepper, 4tsp salt
- 2 medium onions cut into 6ths, 5 cloves minced garlic
- 15 g tomato puree, 2.3 litres cold water or stock
- 6 sprigs parsley , 6 sprigs thyme, 2 bay leaves

570g medium potatoes quartered

4 medium carrots cut into 2cm pieces

2 celery stalks cut into 2cm pieces

Method

Put oven on to 160 C gas mk3

Season the flour with salt and pepper and coat the lamb with mixture. Brown in frying pan.

Put in a casserole dish and then brown onions in frying pan and stir in garlic and tomato puree. Cook for a couple of minutes.

Put in casserole with lamb. Add all the vegetables and tie the herbs together and add to casserole dish. Add the stock and some salt and pepper.

Cover and cook in oven for

2 and 1/2 to 3 hours.

Discard herb bundle and serve immediately.

A Summary of Events/Trips

For bookings, please contact Ann Bowles on 07981 826871

Date	Event/Trip
Wednesday 11 th May	Concordia Theatre - The Sound of Music.
Thursday 26 th May 7.30pm	New Member's Evening at The Greyhound.
Wednesday 1 st June 6.30pm	Queen's Platinum Jubilee- We will be celebrating this before our meeting.
Wednesday 8 th June Afternoon tour	Ancient Ruins of Guys Cliffe, Warks.
Saturday 9 th July	Day trip to Hampton Court Palace

[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.

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.

Anstey to Cropston Reservoir Walk, 19th May 2022, 10.00am no charge. Approx 2hour walk mainly on public footpaths.

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

Belgrave St Peters Churchyard Guided Tour & Cream Tea. Wednesday 29th June. Meet at 12.30 at WI House or 1pm Belgrave Hall (limited parking). Cost £6.50 including cream teas. A guided tour and talk plus a cream tea.

Federation Quiz Evening, 1st July 2022. 7.30pm, £5 per person (teams of four). The Host WI's are Ullesthorpe, Wigston Magna, Burton Lazars, Ashby Castle. Friends and family are welcome.

Hardanger Embroidery Workshop July 2nd 2022. WI House, £20. Norwegian white in white embroidery. Suitable for beginners.

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

Bournemouth Holiday 16th Jan - 20th Jan 2023. £225 per person @ The Riviera Hotel Bournemouth. Meals, daily activities and evening entertainment included.

Anyone interested in any County Event please see me at the County Events table during the meeting. Judith Smith