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## INSPIRING WOMEN



HINCKLEY CANALSIDE WI

JUNE 2022

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### President's Message



### Canalside WI are celebrating on 1<sup>st</sup> June

Hi Everyone,

Our June meeting will be an historic occasion. We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Reigning for 70 years, she is Britain's longest serving monarch.

**Our celebrations start an hour early at 6:30pm.** We would like you all to join in with the patriotically fun atmosphere and wear a bit of red, white and blue. Ann is holding a competition for the 'best crown' with a prize of a cream tea for two at Buttercream. We will be decorating the room with bunting and dressing the tables red, white and blue. Cath will be playing some of the Queen's favourite music and we are going to toast the Queen and sing the National Anthem. Justine is doing the catering: we have prosecco for the toast (or a soft drink) and from Buttercream a special scone, jam and cream. It is such a special occasion, and we want you all to enjoy it.

At 7:30pm we will begin our usual monthly meeting and I know many of you like our speaker who this month, is Julie Kinnear (Ede). She will be talking about the life of Marilyn Monroe.

Warning...it contains nudity!!!

Looking forward to seeing you all in your red, white and blue.

Margaret Lawrence.

## Music Fit for a Queen

I will be playing some of the music that the Queen likes on my keyboard, as you eat your scones. The Queen is very fond of musicals, so I will be playing a few songs from them. The Queen's favourite musical is Oklahoma and her favourite song from that is 'People will say we're in love'. It was their song, when the then Princess Elizabeth and Phillip were courting and held a special place in their hearts. Incidentally, I met my husband, when I joined the Leicester YMCA Operatic Society in 1969, to do the show Oklahoma. So, it's a special show for us too.! I shall definitely play that one.

I shall also play a few songs from the war years as this was a special time for the Queen: it allowed her to take part in war work, as a member of the Women's Auxiliary Territorial service. Lastly, the Queen was very fond of dancing. She liked big band music, so I shall play a few big band songs. Hope you will enjoy some of the music that the Queen likes. Cath.

**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.

**No sales table at the June meeting**

**No jigsaw table at the June meeting**

## 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

## Meeting Snapshot



We had a more energetic meeting than usual with our guest speaker being a Line Dance Instructor. It was a very enjoyable evening learning about the origins of line dancing and how popular it has become worldwide. The speaker was so enthusiastic and upbeat that majority of our ladies got up and had a go. It was great to see everybody up on their feet and enjoying themselves. The speaker made it such fun and demonstrated to us all that absolutely anybody can join in, no matter what their fitness levels are. She explained that line dancing wasn't just dancing to country music, you can line dance to almost all music genres. Justine.

## Meet the Committee



### Sue Barden- Marshall

Sue books all our speakers and looks after them at our meetings.

She also helps with the trips and organises the walking group.

You will see Sue in the reception area at Mary Forryan as she helps with front of house

## Clubs and Teams

### Walking Group May Walk



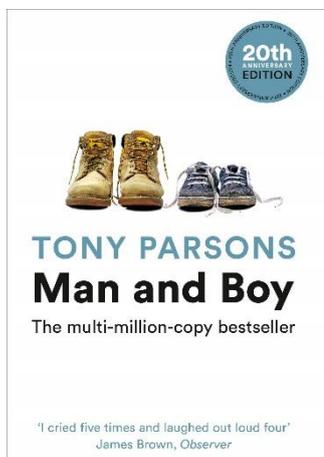
Our walking group met on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at Burbage Common. There were 5 members, one husband and three four legged friends. The weather although overcast was mild, and the rain held off.

Our route took us through Burbage Common and then on to the woods, where we were treated to some late bluebells, returning once more to the common. We ended our time with a refreshment break at the Acorn Cafe.

### June Walk

The next walk will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at our usual time of 10.45hrs -11.00hrs. The exact route will be confirmed at our June meeting. Sue x

### Book Club



15 of us met on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May at the Greyhound to discuss “The Other Passenger” by Louise Candlish and “I See You” by Clare Mackintosh. Both are about murder, are set in London and involve transport, but are very different! We found plenty to say about these two books and had lots of different opinions. I think everyone enjoyed at least one of them and some liked both! Some didn’t like the characters in the first book whilst others thought they were “interesting” and the complicated plot was well planned and intricate. The second book was a definite favourite of some who hadn’t particularly liked the first. In my opinion, both books are well worth reading 😊

Our next meeting is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30 at The Greyhound. We shall be discussing “Man and Boy” by Tony Parsons. He writes about relationships and describes his books as “Men Lit” as opposed to “Chick Lit”.

All welcome to come along 😊 Pat.

## Darts



Our third match was against Great Glen WI on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May and was played at The Railway in Countesthorpe. It was a lovely evening but unfortunately, they beat us 4-3.

Our next game is against Great Bowden and will be played at The Shambles in Lutterworth on a date in June yet to be finalised. Hoping to fit in a 'friendly' against Hollycroft WI soon as well. All welcome! Pat.

## Bits and Bobs Craft Group



On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May we had fun making red, white and blue pom-poms. Carol is going to use them to cover a wreath, with a photo of the Queen, ready for our WI celebrations on Wednesday.

Our next meeting is on 28<sup>th</sup> June, in The Plough's back room at 6.30-8.00pm. We are going to make crepe paper and tissue flowers. Unfortunately, due to the size of the room (that we share) we don't have any space for new members

For any information, feel free to email me at [collsimpson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:collsimpson@yahoo.co.uk).

Colleen

## Future Events and Trips

### Guided tour of Guys Cliffe Warwickshire on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June



The minibus will be at the Mary Forryan Centre to pick people up at 12.30pm. Please do not park at the Mary Forryan Centre.

I estimate that we will arrive back at Mary Forryan at 4.30pm approximately.

**There is no café** at Guys Cliffe. There will be tea/coffee and biscuits after the tour.

Mandy.

### Cancellation of Hampton Court Palace Trip on July 9th



The committee have decided that the Hampton Court Palace trip cannot go ahead. We have been unable to fill the coach and the tickets to the palace needed to be paid in advance, to comply with their booking terms.

The treasurer will be organising the return of payments as soon as she can.

### Sezingcote House and Gardens on Friday August 5th

The Sezingcote visit on 5th Aug is still going ahead.

Just a few items to bear in mind. On the day you will need to bring along a packed lunch. **There is no café.**



If the weather is inclement, waterproof clothing may be a good idea. The owner tells me we can eat our lunch in the orangery if it rains. The visit to the house is timed for 11.30am and will last 30 minutes. Afterwards we will be offered tea/coffee and a piece of cake or a biscuit.

I am told that it will take about an hour to tour the gardens so I anticipate we will be leaving around 2.30pm for our journey home. Should there be any changes I will let you know.

### Pick up points/times

9.00 1st pick up at Hinckley Bus Station at the bottom opposite Iceland.

9.15 2nd at St Catherine's Church, Burbage.

Returning to Hinckley approximately 3.30pm.

Ann Bowles.

## Cancellation of the Rutland Belle and Stamford Trip 24th Sept

As we have had to cancel the Hampton Court Palace trip due to numbers, the committee have decided that the Rutland Belle trip will also need to be cancelled. We have had some interest but not enough to fill a coach and as the tickets for the Belle have to be purchased in advance the committee felt it wasn't viable. The treasurer will also return any payments as soon as she can.

## Worcester Victorian Christmas Fayre on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December



We still have the Christmas market on 3rd December at Worcester.

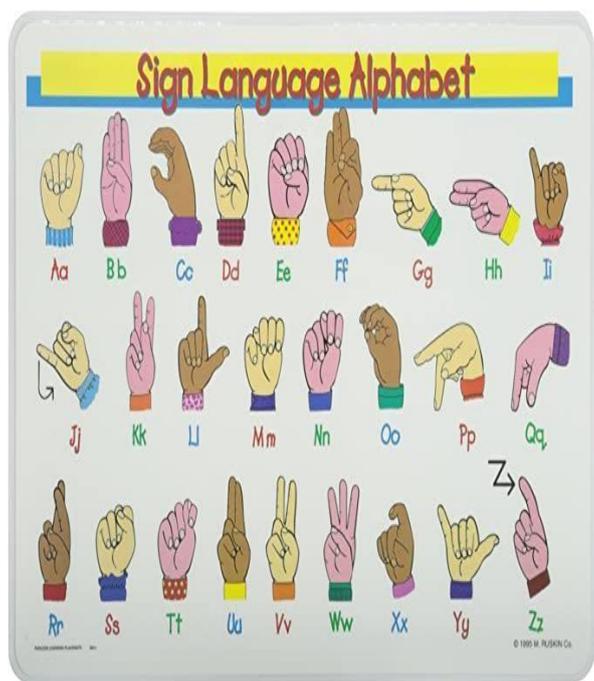
We will be collecting full payments of £22 per person at our September meeting. Friends and family are also invited.

This is from their website:

### Top five reasons to visit:

1. **200 STALLS:** A fabulous street market selling all sorts of delightful Christmas goodies, handmade items and much, much more. There will be many local producers so you can take home locally sourced food and drink, arts and crafts and Christmas gifts.
2. **TASTY TREATS:** You won't go hungry with this unrivalled street food selection! The Fayre has all your festive favourites and some tasty surprises too.
3. **ATMOSPHERE:** The sights, smells and sounds of Christmas come alive at the Fayre! Go back in time and see how Christmas might have looked 150 years ago as Victorian characters fill the historic streets of Worcester.
4. **FUN OF THE FAIR:** A Victorian Fayre wouldn't be complete without a carousel and fun fair. Step aboard the Galloper to be whisked around to the sound of the traditional barrel organ.
5. **ENTERTAINMENT:** With live music, traditional carols and school choirs on the stages and buskers on every street corner, there is plenty of entertainment at the Fayre to keep you smiling throughout the day.

## British Sign Language Speaker and Cheese and Wine – Open Event on 3<sup>rd</sup> August



Daisy Edwards will be our guest speaker on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022, 7:30pm, at the Mary Forryan Centre. Tickets £5. Bring friends and family.



### Charity Stall on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August

We have once again been fortunate in securing the Hinckley Market charity stall for Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August. This coincides with Hinckley Food Festival, which is to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> August.

The committee have decided to follow the same format at last year and ask our members for donations of homemade cakes, jams, chutneys and craft items. We would also appreciate garden/house plants and produce.  
Sue x

## Recipe of the Month

### The Queen's Chocolate Biscuit Cake



This month we celebrate 70 years of the Queens reign, so I thought it would be nice to put the Queen's favourite cake recipe in the newsletter, for you to make for your Jubilee parties.

Apparently, Her Majesty is so fond of this recipe, that she has it daily, in the afternoon, with a cuppa and will enjoy a slice every day, until it's gone.

Ingredients.

Cake:

225g Rich Tea or other biscuits,  
115g softened unsalted butter,  
115g golden caster sugar,  
115g dark chocolate. 53% min cocoa solids. Chopped,  
2 tbsp. warm water.

Ganache:

125g dark chocolate, 53% cocoa solids, chopped,  
125g whipping cream.

Method:

Butter and line a 15cm (6") loose bottom cake.

Break biscuits into small pieces, about 1 to 2 cm in size. Do not break up too small, they should be small pieces, not crumbs.

Cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy.

Melt chocolate in microwave, (or pan set over boiling water)

Once chocolate has melted pour it over butter and sugar mixture and mix thoroughly.

Add the water, the chocolate mixture and the broken biscuits.

Mix them well, so all of the biscuits are covered and coated in the chocolate mixture.

Spoon mixture into prepared cake tin and press down gently to create an even surface and texture.

Place in fridge and allow to chill for 30 mins.

Meanwhile, make chocolate ganache:-

Put broken chocolate into a bowl.

Pour cream into pan and bring it to a simmer.

Pour warm cream over chocolate and mix well, stirring all the time, until the chocolate melts and you have a glossy and shiny ganache.

Remove cake from fridge and turn it out, placing it on a wire rack with tray underneath.

Spoon ganache over cake and allow to cool and set, before placing on serving plate.

## A Summary of Events/Trips

For bookings, please contact Ann Bowles on 07981 826871

Date	Event/Trip
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 6.30pm	Queen's Platinum Jubilee - we will be celebrating this before our meeting.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June Afternoon tour	Ancient Ruins of Guys Cliffe, Warks.
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	British Sign Language Speaker & Cheese and Wine Evening at Mary Forryan
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	Visit to Sezincote House and Gardens
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	Canalside WI Charity Market Stall
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Worcester Victorian Christmas Fayre

**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.

**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 WIs are Ullesthorpe, Wigston Magna, Burton Lazars, Ashby Castle. Friends and family are welcome.

**Hardanger Embroidery Workshop** July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

**Margaret Johnston Trophy Competition 2023** The theme of this year's writing challenge is 'My Platinum Jubilee Celebrations' in no more than 500 words. Entry fee: £4 Closing date: 9 January 2023.

**Competition Who Put the Cank in Cank Street?** Blue Badge Guide Steve Bruce will give an entertaining insight into the street names of central Leicester. Tuesday 25 & Thursday 27 October 2022. From Leicester Town Hall. 11am prompt start, approx. 12.30pm finish. Tickets £5.50.

**Microsoft 365 Training** Learn about the benefits of, and how to operate, a Federation Microsoft 365 account. Thursday 1 September 2022 10-11.30am & 1-2.30pm WI House. No charge.

**Faith Visit** Wednesday 22 June 2022. The Friends Meeting House, 16 Queen's Road, Clarendon Park, Leicester LE2 1WP. 10.30am Coffee (extra charge). 11am – Talk by Janet Parry. 12.30-1pm – Silent Worship (optional). Tickets: £8

**Brenda Barnett Trophy 2023** Theme: A Family Celebration. See flyer for details. Entry fee £6.00. Deadline for entries, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Beginner Embroidery Workshop** Saturday 24 September 22 10am-3pm, WI House £20.

**Autumn Lunch** Devonshire Place 78 London Road, Leicester LE2 0RA. Sunday, 18 September 2022. 11.30am for drinks/coffee, 12.30pm lunch. Tickets £30 (for two course lunch). Guest Speaker: Nick Hamilton Barnsdale Gardens, Rutland.

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