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## INSPIRING WOMEN

HINCKLEY CANALSIDE WI

FEBRUARY 2023

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### President's Message



Dear Members, I hope you enjoyed our January speaker, Roxane Dinsdale or Ayshe as she is professionally known. Her dance performance was beautiful and her talk engaging, telling us about the history and culture behind middle eastern dance.

**Wildlife of Sydney and the Blue Mountains:** At our February meeting we will be able to enjoy the many images wildlife photographer Nick Martin has accumulated on his trips. From vibrant fairy wrens to noisy cockatoos, frogmouths to fruit bats, Sydney has a wide variety of wildlife to enchant visitors to this wonderful antipodean destination.



#### Women's Refuge

Traditionally, we have made **donations of basic toiletries** at the **February meeting**. If you would like to give, then we will be only too happy to pass items on to the Hinckley Hub. Many thanks.

At the start and end of meetings we do require help in putting out and clearing away tables and chairs. So, if you are able, we would very much appreciate your arriving at 7:00 pm and lending a hand. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the next meeting. Mandy.

#### Membership Subscriptions 2023 -24

**RENEW YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP**

**The subscription year now runs from April 1 – March 31.**

For the year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, the maximum membership fee will be £46.00.

The distribution of the 2023 membership fee is as follows:

Total Subscription **£46.00**: WI Share £22.60. Federation Share £10.80. NFWI Share £12.60

Dual Membership: The cost of dual membership - payable to the second WI - is a maximum of **£22.60** for the year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

**How to pay:** Subscriptions for this year are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> April and must be paid by the end of April. **We are going to be collecting the subscription monies at the MARCH and APRIL meetings. If you are not able to attend either of these meetings, you can pay at the February one.**

#### Member's Fee for 2023/24 is £46. Dual Member's fee £22.60

#### Cheques

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

or **Correct Cash**

**No change given.** Please place your cash in a sealed envelope with your name and the full amount clearly printed on the front of the envelope.

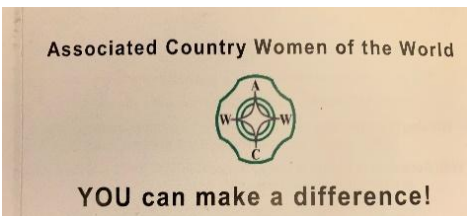
**Receipts will not be posted but given out at monthly meetings.**

**Thank you:** The committee are grateful for your support which is so important if Canalside WI is to continue to thrive and offer members a rich experience. Mandy.

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## ACWW/Pennies for friendship



As a result of your generosity this year we have raised approximately £140. Still time to contribute at February's meeting before we have to send off the cheque.

Thank You All.

Pat x

## Cake makers.



A big Thank You to the following who very kindly agreed to bake or buy cakes for our February meeting: **Carol Beasley, Linda Dunn, Margot Hamnett, Angela Nollett, Jo Harvey and Julie Edwards.**

We are very grateful to so many of you who volunteer readily and produce such delicious cakes. If you prefer you could bring some fruit instead. In the past this has been appreciated by some members. Thanks Pat.

## Raffle



We will be holding a raffle at our February meeting. Tickets will be £1 each. If you have any suitable raffle items, please bring them along to our next meeting.

Thanks Gill x

## Sales Table

There'll be a book sales table again at the February meeting.

Hope you liked my new book ends. Now you can see the books much more easily.

Could I ask that at the moment, you don't bring me any new books, as I haven't got room for any more. I would be grateful, if you have some you want to donate to us, that you give me your name and number and I can text message you when I need some more books. Hopefully you will come and look at the books and purchase 1 or 2 of them. 50p a book is good value. I would be grateful if you had the right change as well.

Don't forget our **Trades Directory**, which is always on the book sales table. You can recommend people who have done a good job for you or ask for recommendations yourself.

My email address is: - [cathgreenwell@hotmail.com](mailto:cathgreenwell@hotmail.com)

Thanks, Cath.

## Meeting Snapshot December . . . . . Roxanne Dinsdale



At our first WI meeting of 2023 we had exotic dancer Roxanne Dinsdale give us a demonstration of her amazing dancing and a very informative talk on the myths and origins of “Belly Dancing”. She myth busted a lot of what we think belly dancing is today. She was very entertaining and inspiring and whilst dancing and wearing amazing costumes she was able to deliver a fascinating insight into exotic dancing. We were shown traditional dance costumes and the different style of dances that originate from each country and how they have been blended together over the years. Roxanne danced with props such as a veil, for veil dancing, angel wings and a sequined cane. It was truly captivating to watch and we were all mesmerised by the brightly coloured sequined costumes she wore.

## Resolutions 2022 - 2023



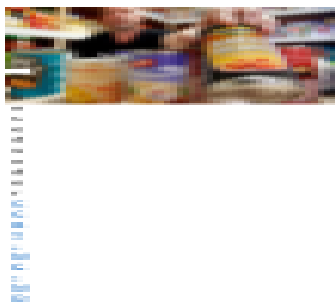
- Save our water - every drop matters
- Women to women-turning over a new leaf in the lives of women tea workers
- Online gambling harm - time for action
- Clean rivers for people and wildlife.

At our last meeting we collected your vote for one of the above resolutions. We have 74 members eligible to vote (full members, not dual). There were 53 full members at the meeting and we received 30 votes. Since there are 44 members who have not voted and may want to, I shall have voting slips available at the signing in table at our meeting. YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

Pat

## Hinckley Area Foodbank

A big thank you to those who have knitted and donated hot water bottle cosies and warm hats, for distribution by Hinckley Area Foodbank. The last batch was passed onto them following our January meeting.



I know that many people will be feeling the pinch lately, but if any of you are able to pick up one additional item in your regular supermarket shop and leave it in the foodbank donations trolley/receptacle on your way out, this will make a big difference. You can find the items most needed at <https://hinckleyarea.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/> and add something from this to your shopping list. Most in need at present are large tins of vegetables, small tins of baked beans, dried milk, hot chocolate (made with water), shaving foam, and razors. If you prefer, you can make a donation for the foodbank to buy items needed, see <https://hinckleyarea.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

Can I also ask ladies to remember to keep any used postage stamps, and bring them to Lisa at the visitor desk in the foyer please? These will be used by Hinckley Area Foodbank, to boost their funds.

Thank you all, Lisa.

## Clubs and Teams

### Walking Group – Wednesday January 18<sup>th</sup>



Seven of us enjoyed a lovely circular walk from Stoke Golding to Dadlington and return. It was cold, but there was plenty of sunshine, we enjoyed a hot drink at 'The George and Dragon' afterwards - and the company was good!



### Wednesday 15th February



Our walk will start from the car park of the Bricklayers Arms (213 Main Street, Thornton, LE67 1AH). We will meet at 10.45am to start walking at 11.00 am. There is a path from St Peter's Church to the circular walk around Thornton Reservoir. I can collect the key to the church from the village store, so those who want to can look inside.

It will be largely on gravel paths, but it can be a bit muddy after rain.

### Book Club



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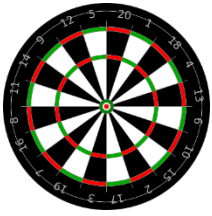
At our January meeting we discussed the books '**Two Brothers**' and '**The First Casualty**', both by **Ben Elton**. There were 14 ladies there and some had read neither, some had read one and several had read both. Generally the comments were positive and many really enjoyed these books. The main reasons were the insight given to the two World Wars which resulted in further research. Many feel that it is a good book if you learn something from it!

**Our February meeting is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and the book is 'The Midnight Library' by Matt Haig.** This is a very interesting book and I am looking forward to hearing the views of the group. All welcome!!



### Darts





The Darts competition starts again in March 2023 so get practising and watch this space for more information 😊

New participants are always welcome. Please let me know if you would like to join us.

Pat xx

## Skittles



Delighted to say we have now won our first five matches, beating Hollycroft 3 games to in January. Congratulations to all involved.

Our final group stage match is against Leire on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February.  
Looking forward to a great evening – good luck ladies! Gill x

## Bits and Bobs Craft Group

Our next meeting is on January 31st at The Plough. We will be using a teabag folding technique to decorate gift bags and cards - should be fun!



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

## Third Tuesday Craft Group



On 17<sup>th</sup> January we had a great time scrapbooking which was a skill most of us had not undertaken in the past. Thankfully Alison has lots of experience and she was in hand to assist us.

Everyone was pleased with their effort and some will carry on practising this craft.

We were so involved in the activity that some of us forgot to partake of the refreshments we had purchased! Next meeting is Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

## Events and Trips

### Canalside WI Quiz on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Stoke Golding Club 7.00pm for 7.30pm



Looking forward to seeing you at the Stoke Golding Club, CV13 6DZ, for a fun evening.

The quiz will start at 7.30pm.

There will be a break for supper from 8.00pm until 8.30pm, and then the quiz will resume, ending at approximately 9.30pm.

Mandy.

## Kilworth House Theatre



Sunday 23 July 2023 2.30pm

We have managed to secure tickets for the matinee performance of Hairspray at the wonderful Kilworth House Theatre.

The cost will be £45 per person.

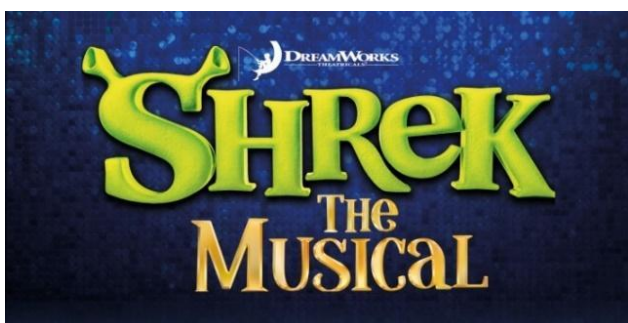
We have just one ticket left.

Full payment needs to be made by our March meeting.

It should be a lovely afternoon

Gill x

## Shrek



### Hinckley Concordia Theatre Wed 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023

We are going to see Shrek the Musical.

'I'm a Believer' – and if you are, and want to join us, I will need names and full money at our February meeting. Cost is £16 per person, but if we have more than 10 people going this will be discounted to £14.40p.

Should be a great, fun filled show! Gill

## Canalside Newsletter

As you know we produce a monthly newsletter to keep you up to date with events and activities. This is emailed out to you each month. However, we do have some members who do not have email addresses so we have been printing paper copies for those members.



We have decided to no longer do this for several reasons:

1. We no longer have contacts that can get this done at a reasonable price.
2. Many of the copies are not picked up and therefore have to be re-cycled.
3. All the necessary information is gone through at the beginning of our meetings.

If anyone is not happy with this please talk to me at the signing in desk.

If anyone wishes to look through the Newsletter at the meeting I shall have 2 copies available for you.

Pat McShane

## A Summary of Events / Trips

For bookings, please contact Jenny Wright on 07790 923423.

Date	Event/Trip
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Quiz Night at Stoke Golding Club
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Calendar Girls at The Concordia Theatre
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Shrek The Musical at The Concordia Theatre
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Hairspray at Kilworth House Theatre

**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.**

**If you wish to book, please see Judith at the County Events desk.**

**Beading Workshop, 18th February.** WI House. 10.00am - 3 00pm £25. Workshop for beginners and you will be taught to make beaded jewellery. Materials at extra cost of £15.

**Spring Dabble Day, 25th March 2023.** Broughton Astley Village Hall, 10am - 3 pm. Cost £20. A chance to try a number of different crafts and meet other WI members.

**Tea with Baroness Bolsover. 19th April,** Thurnby Memorial Hall. 2pm - 4pm, cost £12.  
Join Victorian Baroness Bolsover as she demonstrates the DO's and DON'TS of afternoon tea etiquette.

**RHS Malvern Spring Festival, 13th May,** £48 per person, family & friends welcome. 8.30am departure from WI House, 5pm departure from Malvern.