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HINCKLEY CANALSIDE WI

JULY 2023

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President's Message

Dear Members, I hope you are enjoying the summer. I thought former Wimbledon umpire, Alan Gray's talk was both informative and entertaining – and the seasonal refreshments just the ticket!

At our July meeting we have Isobel Glover-Evans sharing her experiences from her time spent studying, working, and living in Japan.

Sezincote Visit, 3rd August



We have 7 places still available on the minibus for this trip.

Sezincote is a magical place, and you will not be disappointed if you decide to go.

Committee member, Cath Greenwell, has been recently and posted some photos on our Facebook page.

See below for further details.

Canalside WI Website



Just a reminder that **all** our newsletters can be found on our website, which is easily accessible – no username or password needed!

Simply, type into your internet browser, **Hinckley Canalside WI** . Here is the link if you want to click onto it:

<https://hinckleycanalsidewi.co.uk/>

You will see the home page and on the green bar the link for Newsletters – just click on it.

To move to the next page of a newsletter, place your cursor at the bottom and then click on the arrow.

The WI Denman



The proceeds from the sale of Denman College are held in permanent endowment.

Q: How will the proceeds of the sale be used?

A: The WI Learning Hub, powered by Denman.

This means that the online Denman at Home offer will continue as it is today, but with **no costs for WI members**, allowing members to access these courses whenever and as often as they wish. In addition, to support the continuation of in-person education, but not fixed in one physical location, the NFWI will offer **national grants to federations**, to regionally expand the WI's educational network. The proposal is that the NFWI release £2.75m of the proceeds of the sale to fund this new educational model. This will leave the remaining funds (£4 m) in permanent endowment accruing interest.

The final stage of the Charity Commission consultation is now taking place, which includes a notice of the intention to release some of the proceeds of the sale – as explained above.

Can you help?

As always, 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.

Just a reminder - the email address to contact either myself or Ann Bowles is: canalsidewipresident@gmail.com

Fund-Raising Events

Market Stall



The date for our charity market stall is fast approaching. I could still do with a few slots filling on the rota for the day, if anyone can help.

out for an hour or two it would be greatly appreciated. Any non-perishable items that you wish to donate can be brought along to our meeting on Wednesday 5th July. All other donations can be delivered to Ann Bowles or myself on Thursday 3rd August/ Friday 4th August.

Addresses are, Ann 14 Bedale Avenue, Stoneygate, Sue 42 Higham Way, Burbage. Or on the day at the stall.

Items we would like are, homemade cakes etc, craft items, jams, chutneys, pickles, garden produce and plants.

The monies raised from the stall will be divided between Hinckley Canalside (this helps towards paying for the excellent speakers and the little extras that we provide at some of our meeting) and Hinckley Foodbank.

Sue x

Fashion Show



I will be starting to take names and monies for the Fashion Show at our July meeting. This is to be held on Wednesday 25th October at the Mary Forryan Centre. Price £6 to include light refreshments. This event is open to family and friends. It is the same company we had last time.

SOS Charity Fashion Shows. You will have the opportunity to buy many high-street brands at greatly reduced prices. Sizes range from 6 - 30.

I have 6 volunteers for models, but could do with a couple more, so if you have ever fancied a turn on the "catwalk" let me know.

Sue

Monies raised from these events will go to Canalside Charitable Funds and Hinckley and District Food Bank.

Raffle



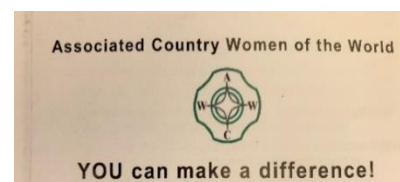
We will be holding a raffle at our July meeting. Tickets will be £1 each.

If you have any suitable raffle items, please bring them along to our next meeting.

Thanks Gill x

ACWW / Pennies for friendship

Please remember to bring any loose change you may have and throw it in the big purple bucket or the smaller containers around the room. Thanks for your continuing generosity. Pat x



Cake Makers



A big Thank You to the following who very kindly agreed a while back to bake or buy cakes for our May meeting and then our June meeting. Your time has now come 😊 Hopefully the following people can now provide us with cakes for our July meeting. Please let me know if you cannot do this. **Carol Roberts, Jenny Hetherington, Cynthia Lawrance, Caron Wilson, Pat McShane, and Winnie Marshall** (only if you can as you provided some earlier!)

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.

Sales Table



There will be no sales table at our July meeting. Thanks Cath

Jigsaw Table



There will be no Jigsaw table at our July meeting, but it will be back for our September meeting.

June Meeting Snapshot – You CANNOT be serious !



We had a lovely meeting with guest speaker Alan Gray MBE, retired Wimbledon tennis umpire. Alan gave a very informative talk about the highs and lows of Wimbledon and what actually goes on behind the scenes of this magnificent sporting institution. He gave us an insight into his role as an umpire with some funny stories and quotes from his time working there. He explained the workings of Wimbledon and the costs involved from the strawberries and cream to the 300 officials' Ralph Lauren Uniform. He told us about the prize money given to the winners and all the runners up. It was a truly fascinating talk.

He enlightened us on the history of tennis and the Wimbledon tennis club, the workings of the automatic covers on centre court and court one. He was very amusing in his jokes and anecdotes about tennis, the players and Wimbledon. He had got to know many famous players over the years including Andy Murray, Boris Becker, and Serena Williams.



To round the evening off and continuing with the "Wimbledon tennis theme" we had Pimms and Lemonade and Strawberries and Cream, which everybody seemed to enjoy.

Clubs and Teams



Future of the Canalside WI Walking Group

After organizing walks for a number of years, with the help of members, I have decided that it is time for a change! Committee member, Sue Barden- Marshall, has also organized walks for us.

In the June newsletter I made an appeal for a volunteer(s) to come forward to take a lead – sadly, no one has done so.

I know there is still an interest in doing a monthly walk and that some members may be willing to organize a walk.

A possible solution

I can coordinate a rota of walks, which will be organized by Canalside WI members.

So, I would need members to get in touch with me on email to state which month and which walk they can offer. **Deadline: Friday 14th July.** Unless I am informed otherwise, I am assuming that the third Wednesday starting at 11.00am is still ok?

Responsibilities of the leader(s) of the walk:

- To send me on email details of the walk you are leading, so that I can include it in the relevant newsletter. (I will give you the deadline for this.) Email: canalsidewipresident@gmail.com
- To collect the sheet on which members have signed up who want to participate in the walk – at the end of the relevant monthly meeting. (This will include contact phone numbers.)
- In the event of needing to cancel the walk, to contact those on the sheet and inform them of this decision.
- To take a photo, if possible, and write a few lines about the walk that has taken place for the next newsletter – to be sent to canalsidewipresident@gmail.com (I will give you the deadline for this.)

It would be a shame to lose what is a lovely activity – and an opportunity to get to know others.

At the July meeting I will suggest a few minutes together in the refreshment break to confirm the day and – hopefully - interest in this proposal. Mandy.

Third Tuesday Craft Club



We made pin pots for the up-and-coming WI craft stall at our meeting. We were a little depleted of members owing to holidays and other commitments.

We decided at the next meeting to undertake more work for the stall. Some are making cards and others are making decorative wall hangers. New members are always welcome - our next meeting is 18th July.

Julie

Please contact Julie Murray or Julie Cooper if you require any further information.



Bits and Bobs Craft Group



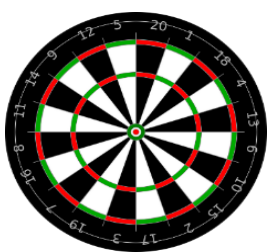
The Bits and Bobs crafters met and had a very relaxing, enjoyable evening using zentangle techniques and colour to make beautiful card toppers. One member's husband didn't think she'd made hers; it was so good! We next meet on July 25th at 6.30-8pm at The New Plough. We are (probably) going to try some sashiko stitching, which will be a first for most of us!

Regards

Colleen



Darts



Our third match was played on Wednesday 14th June at Stoke Golding Club. We were playing Witherley WI who had won all of their games and we could see why. They beat us 6-1 which means that we have lost all three of our matches although the other two were close!

It was now time for another practice session which we had on Tuesday 20th June at The New Plough. The photo is showing us feeling positive after a good practice and ready for the final match.

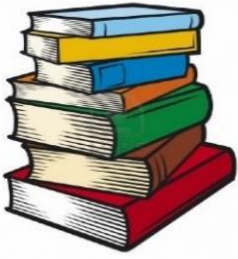
That is against Great Bowden WI on Tuesday 25th July at The Black Horse, Walcote. Hopefully we can do better 😊

We are planning to play darts on a more regular basis throughout the year. We enjoy meeting up and practising will help us to get better at it 😊 All are welcome to come along and join in. Please speak to me or anyone else involved if you are interested.

Pat



Book Club

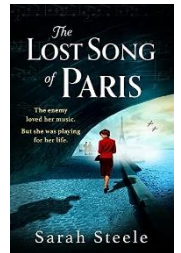


'Lessons in Chemistry' by Bonnie Garmus was the book discussed at our June meeting. It had a range of scores from 2.5 to 4.5 out of 5. Reviews ranged from 'couldn't put down but didn't get excited', 'quirky', 'indifferent', 'charming', 'got bored at the end, which was a bit rushed', to 'dog was the best character'!

A good discussion ensued about the changing roles of women.

There was also plenty of suggestions about new reads for the future. However, our plan for the next three months is as follows. You may be interested even though you can't make the meetings.

10th July: "The Lost Song of Paris" by Sarah Steele. Reviewed in the March WI Life. This tells the story of the life of an elderly lady who, unknown to all of her family, spent the war years working for the Secret Intelligence Story. She was a formidable heroine. Details of the war are vividly brought to life and the characters, so credible, it is at times easy to forget this is fiction. You will be left wanting to find out more about these women. It is a superb tribute to them all.



14th August: "The Rose Code" by Kate Quinn. This is the story of 3 very different women who answer the call to work at Bletchley Park in 1940. War, loss and the pressure of secrecy tears them apart only to be reunited in 1947 to crack one final code together and reveal a dangerous enemy.

11th September: "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" by Thomas Hardy. A story of a young girl from a poor family, objectified, harassed, and pursued by an older man with wealth and power over her. Though 'more sinned against than sinner' in an unequal society, the damage to her reputation is irredeemable.

All are Welcome! Pat.

Cine Seniors



Hinckley Cineworld does a weekly screening for people over the age of 60. It is on a Wednesday at 11.30am. The cost is £4.50 and that includes a complimentary hot drink and biscuits.

Details can be found by going into the cinema or looking on Facebook. You can also go onto the Cineworld Hinckley website...Click on 'Shows for Wednesday', then look for 11.30. It doesn't specifically say that it's a senior screening.

Future viewings are:

5th July - 'Love Again'.

12th July- 'Are you there God? It's me Margaret'

19th July- 'Hypnotic'

26th July- 'Beau is Afraid'

Thank You to our new member, Karen Saunders, who brought this to our attention. Pat xx

Events and Trips



Royal Ascot Ladies' Day at Badgers Mount, Elmesthorpe, Thursday 22nd June, 2023

This started with a glass of Prosecco on arrival at 12midday. At 12.30 we sat down to an excellent three-course lunch.

Staff placed bets on our chosen horses and there were large TV screens to view each race, albeit after a few technical difficulties!!

Afternoon Tea was served later in the day and the staff were very attentive throughout. There were also fun competitions for the best hat and the best dressed lady!

Cottesbrooke Hall and Gardens, Northamptonshire, Wednesday 28th June 2023



16 members enjoyed an excellent and informative guided tour around the hall; it has been home to the family for three generations. The tour included many horse paintings collected by the family. After tea and cake, we enjoyed a walk around the beautiful gardens. A wonderful afternoon.





Kilworth House Theatre, Sunday 23 July 2023 at 2.30pm

All tickets for Hairspray were handed out at the June meeting.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on 23rd!

Gill x

Sezincote House and Gardens on Thursday August 3rd, 2023

Cost per person including travel on the minibus and a guided tour of the house is £26.

Names and full payment will be taken at the July meeting.

There are 7 places still available on the minibus.



We are organizing a visit to Sezincote House and Gardens, near Moreton in the Marsh in the Cotswolds, on **Thursday 3rd August**.

Sezincote is a remarkable place, to quote from their website:

At the heart of a traditional, family-run estate covering 3,500 acres of rolling Cotswold countryside stands a 200-year-old Mogul Indian palace, set in a romantic landscape of temples, grottoes, waterfalls, and canals reminiscent of the Taj Mahal.

You can find out more about the venue by clicking on the following link. There is also a short TV documentary on the gardens: <https://www.sezincote.co.uk/>

There will be a guided tour of the house starting at 11.30am for our group. The house has a beautiful, elegant Georgian interior and the gardens have been designed with a Persian theme.

On the day it would be better to bring a packed lunch. The Orangery café will be open.

If the weather is inclement, waterproof clothing may be a good idea.

We will be leaving around 2.30pm for our journey home.

Pick up points and times:

9.00 1st pick up at Hinckley Bus Station.

9.10 2nd pick up at St Catherine's Church, Burbage.

Returning to Hinckley approximately 3.30pm.

Day trip to Stratford -upon -Avon on 9th September 2023

We have booked a 29-seater coach. **This is a subsidised trip for members.**



The cost of travel for members is £10 and for non-members £16.

The trip will be open to members only at the June meeting. The trip will be open to members, their friends and family at the July and September meetings.

There will be two pick- up points:

9.00am Hinckley Bus Station. 9.10am St Catherine's Church Burbage.

We plan to leave Stratford at 4.00pm, arriving back at approximately 5.00pm.

Here is a sample of some of the attractions on offer, but just click on the link for the official website:

<https://www.visitstratforduponavon.co.uk/>

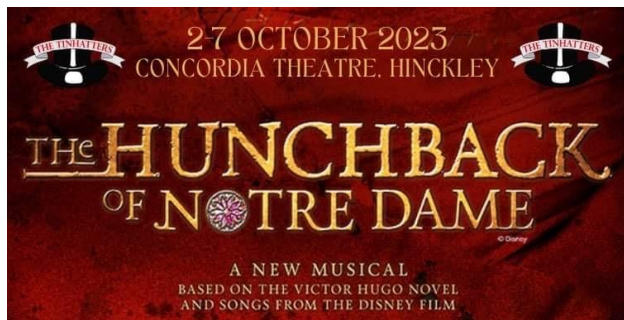
There are many things to see and do in this historic town, including visiting Shakespeare's Birthplace, where he was born in 1564, grew up and where he spent the first years with his new wife, Anne Hathaway. You can see the workshop where Shakespeare's father carried out his craft of glove making. Then there's the medieval Holy Trinity Church on the bank of the River Avon where Shakespeare is buried.

You can enjoy a boat trip on the Avon or an award winning daily guided walk. The walk starts at the Swan Fountain – on Thursdays at 2.00pm. (Please check the link above for any updates!)

At the Museum of Witchcraft and Wizardology you can learn about the real history of witchcraft throughout England in one of the country's most haunted buildings.

In Bancroft Gardens there's a large sundial, a swan fountain, a Shakespeare memorial, two bridges over the canal basin and the lock and lots of flowers and places to sit. It's set right on the River Avon next to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre. Maybe a good place for a picnic lunch?

Hinckley Concordia Theatre – Thursday 5 October 2023



We are going to see The Hunchback of Notre Dame.

Remainder of the ticket cost is to be paid at the July meeting.

As we have more than 10 people going this will be £9.40 per person.

Gill x

Beetle Drive – Wednesday 11th October



On Wednesday 11th October at the Greyhound pub in Hinckley, starting at 7.30pm, we are having our annual Beetle Drive evening.

We hold this every year in remembrance of one of our former members Margaret Copson.

Margaret was one of our committee members as well as being a founder member, her daughter is still a member.

We donate the proceeds to cancer research.

The cost is £7.50 and including a supper. Please feel free to bring friends and family all are welcome.

The tickets will be on sale at our next meeting on July 5th, please be sure to bring the correct money or a cheque.

Ann Bowles.

Bond Street Distillery Tour and Afternoon Tea – Thursday 9th November



We are going to the Bond Street Gin Distillery for a tour and afternoon tea.

As we have more than 20 people going this will be £25 per person.

The remaining £15 of the ticket cost is to be paid at the July meeting.

Marie Curie Fundraising Event – 17th August at 7.00pm

Tickets £20 to include refreshments.

Longstanding Canalside WI member, Carol Beardsmore, is organizing an evening's entertainment at the Mary Forryan Centre on the evening of Thursday 17th August. This is to raise funds for Marie Curie.

Carol has booked Lesley Smith, who has been the Curator of Tutbury Castle in Staffordshire since 2000. She is a medical historian holding an M. Phil in Tudor medicine, is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland and is also a Member of the Society of Medical Writers.



Lesley is also well known for her highly entertaining and informative costumed portrayals of a variety of historical characters and on the evening of August 17th she will be presenting the fascinating mistress of Charles II – Nell Gwynne.

The following information can be found on the Tutbury Castle website:

Nell Gwynne was the mistress of Charles II and for many people, that is all she was known for – other than for selling oranges! The real Nell Gwynne is a victory for English womanhood, showing great courage against the background of the bloodiest civil war in English history and the poverty that followed for many of the population. Against all the odds Nell became a star of the London stage and the greatest comic actress of her day and won the hearts of theatregoers and the king himself. Her rags to riches story

may have inspired the story of Cinderella, but even after she caught her handsome prince, Nell was no stranger to tragedy.

You will have a chance to meet pretty, witty little Nell in fantastic costume and have chance to both laugh and cry with her.

If you would like to buy a ticket, please speak to Carol at the June meeting or contact her on:

Email: carolbeardsmore85@btinternet.com

Phone: 07913 716517



Summary of Events and Trips

For WI trip bookings, please contact Jenny Wright on 07790 923423 or the person named in Events and Trips section above.

Trip Details		WI Members		Non-WI Members		Payment Details		
Name	Date	Cost	Open for booking	Cost	Open for booking	Deposit Amount	Balance	Full Amount Due
Sezincote House	Thursday 3 rd August	£26.00	June meeting	£26.00	June meeting	£10.00	£16.00	July meeting
Stratford-on-Avon*	Saturday 9 th September	£10.00	June meeting	£16.00	July meeting	£10.00	£6.00 (non-members)	September meeting
Hunchback of Notre Dame	Thursday 5 th October	£14.40	FULLY BOOKED	£14.40	FULLY BOOKED	£5.00	£9.40	July meeting
Beetle Drive	Wednesday 11 th October	£7.50	July meeting	£7.50	July meeting	Full Payment	N/A	September meeting
Fashion Show	Wednesday 25 th October	£6.00	July meeting	£6.00	July meeting	Full Payment	£6.00	September meeting
Bond Street Distillery	Thursday 9 th November	£25.00	FULLY BOOKED	£25.00	FULLY BOOKED	£10.00	£15.00	July meeting
London Christmas Trip*	Saturday 9 th December	£20.00	October meeting	£26.00	November meeting	£10.00	£10.00 (members) £16.00 (non-members)	December meeting

* This is a subsidised trip for Hinckley Canalside WI Members and is therefore open to members for one month before being opened to non-members.

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

If you are interested in any of these events, please see me at the County Events table. (More details can be found in the flyers I have sent out.)

Judith Smith

Croquet Taster Session. Tuesday 4th July 2023. Leicester Croquet Club, Humberstone. 2.30pm or 7.00pm. £11 per person including expert tuition. Flat soled footwear must be worn.



Federation Quiz Evening. Friday 7th July 2023. 7.30pm. £5 per person – Teams of four. Four venues to choose from: St James Church, Huncote LE9 3AW; Rothley Centre, Mountsorrel Lane, Rothley, LE7 7PR ; Kibworth Grammar School Hall, LE8 0JE; WI House, Loughborough Rd, Leicester LE4 5LQ (upstairs venue with stairlift).

Hallaton Museum and Festival of Archaeology, July 15th - 30th. A chance to find out about 2,000 years of history in Hallaton



Petanque Taster, 11th & 25th July 7.00pm Western Park, Leicester. No fee but jacket potatoes will be available to buy £5 each.

Beading Workshop. , 9th September 10 - 3.00pm (cancelled from February), WI House £25.

Developing Embroidery Skills Workshop. Saturday 7th October 2023. 10am-3pm, WI House £25. Learn embroidery stitches to make a hanging sampler. Beginners or improvers welcome.



Autumn Lunch, 14th October, 12.30 , Devonshire Place Leicester. £30 for two course meal. Speaker Kath Ryan of cakes4casualties.

GROBY WI Coach trip to Thursford Christmas Show, Friday 24 November 2023. A Roberts coach trip, leaving Groby village centre at 8.30 a.m. Arrives at Thursford approx. 12 noon. Show starts 2 p.m. Leaves Thursford at 5.15 p.m., arriving back at Groby approx. 9 p.m. (There is a WC on the coach)

Ticket price includes entrance to the show and depends on the coach size: the more people the cheaper! Smaller coach £92 per person. Larger coach £84 per person. **Tickets** from Julie Kotecha with immediate £5 deposit payable.

Please contact Julie at: cosmic784@hotmail.com or at 0116 287 2355.

Christmas Dabble Day Saturday 25th November 2023. 10am-3pm. Park House, Stamford St, Glenfield LE3 8DL. £20. Learn how to make traditional craft items ready for Christmas gifting.

A Christmas Cracker of a Walk, a seasonal informative walk around Leicester, 5th & 7th December. £7 each, this includes a mince pie and a cup of tea/coffee.

Eastbourne Holiday 15 - 19th January 2024. £299 pp (£20 single supplement) A chance to explore this lovely coastline. Evening meals and buffet breakfast included plus two, day excursions.