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HINCKLEY CANALSIDE WI

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President's Message



Dear Members,

As you know, our next meeting is the Annual Meeting, where the new committee will be presented and a president for the forthcoming year nominated or elected.

After 8 years fulfilling the role of president, it is time for someone else to take hold of the reins!

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in role, and it has been rewarding working alongside committee members to secure an interesting programme of speakers and additional activities.

I have also watched the membership of Canalside WI grow: we are a vibrant and welcoming WI. Friendship is a key offering of membership and getting to know so many of you has been a privilege.

As a WI Adviser I will be on hand to continue to offer advice as necessary. Mandy.



Women's Refuge

It's the time of the year again, where I ask if you would like to donate to the Women's Refuge. Christmas gifts of chocolates and toys for the children or small gifts for the mums will be very much appreciated.

If you would like to donate, we will be providing a box for your donations at the November meeting.

The gifts will be delivered to the Hinckley Hub. Thank you, Mandy.

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

2024 Charity Nominations

The committee would like to offer members the opportunity to put forward suggestions for the charity that Hinckley Canalside should support in 2024.

There will be slips available at the November meeting for you to put your suggestion forward. The charity can be local or national, but must align with the WI's objects of:

1. to advance the education of women and girls for the public benefit.
2. to promote sustainable development for the public benefit.
3. to advance health for the public benefit.
4. to advance citizenship for the public benefit.

We will select the 3 most popular charities that members have put forward and have a vote at our January meeting.

Sue x

Hinckley Area Foodbank – Hot Water Bottle Covers Appeal



It's that time of year again, the weather is changing and soon we will all need to be wrapping up warm.

Sadly, many people in our local community will be in fuel poverty again this winter and will not be able to afford to turn on their heating. In preparation, the Hinckley Area Foodbank has ordered blankets and hot water bottles to distribute to those in need.

Last year, you very kindly knitted hot water bottle covers, which everyone loved and was delighted with, so, if we may, we would like to ask, is it possible for you to kindly support us again this winter? Please see below the pattern and measurements of the hot water bottles should you be able to help:

The main part of the hot water bottle is 26.5 cm x 19.5 cm. The top of the hot water bottle is 5.5 cm x 4.0 cm. This is the suggested pattern: <https://http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/all-you-need---a-classic> Lisa at the visitor's desk will be happy to pass these onto the foodbank team. I am also still collecting used stamps, and old/unused foreign currency, which they can use to boost their funds.

You can also support the foodbanks by adding an item to your weekly shop and leaving it in their donation collection trolley/box, usually at the entrance or behind the checkouts in most local supermarkets. You can find out what items are needed most at [Donate food | Hinckley Area Foodbank](#). At present they would be particularly grateful for tinned soup, tinned tomatoes, large (340g+) tins of vegetables, cooked cold meat, puddings, long dated biscuits/cakes/puddings, custard in any form, washing up liquid, and shampoo.

Thank you for your continued help and support.



October Meeting Snapshot - Karen Gimson - Landscaper Garden Designer



A very enjoyable evening. Karen gave us an insight on the gardens she has had the pleasure to design ... always trying to use the more sustainable plants and flowers beneficial to birds, bees, and insects.

Her talk was very informative on the type of perennials and annuals to use for different times of the year... giving us lots of tips on the best place to position them ...as well as showing us great slides of the various gardens she has designed and the shrubs and flowers she used. Her talk was accompanied by a list of plants that she used... (Sue Barden Marshall has emailed a

copy to those ladies who requested one).

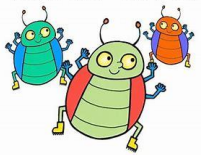


She is also a wonderful flower arranger and showed us some of the beautiful door wreaths she has created from silver birch stems. More ideas for arranging flowers without causing any damage to the environment using harmful products. One nice idea was to float the heads of Hellebore, snowdrops, violas and bellis daisy in water to make very pretty table decorations.

Karen does lots of talks and If you listen to Radio Leicester you will hear her on a Wednesday at 3:00pm, or sometimes on a Saturday afternoon.

Beetle Drive – Wednesday 11th October

Beetle Drive



Once again, our yearly Beetle Drive in memory of Margaret Copson, a former committee member who sadly died of cancer, was a noisy success and enjoyed by all. We had a tie with Justine Goodwin and Julie Edwards both members. After a shake of the dice Julie won and she now holds the cup, I'm sure it will be a source of pride on her mantle shelf.

We made £155.31 for cancer research which will be winging its way to Loros in the near future.

Thank you to everyone who took part. Ann Bowles.



SOS Charity Fashion Show – Wednesday 25th October



Our charity fashion show took place on Wednesday 25th October and was a great success with 92 tickets sold. There were visitors from other WI's in the local area including Burbage, Stoke Golding and Hollycroft; and the clothes were modelled by members of Canalside WI.

Ticket sales raised £552 and the raffle £120; after expenses a profit of around £500 was made which will be split across our nominated charity and the Canalside WI.

Many thanks to everyone who bought a ticket.



Fundraising Events

Sales Table



There will be a sales table this meeting. It will be the last one till January, so come and buy your books to last you over the Christmas holidays. It will be 50p each book, as usual. Having just given the book sales money to the treasurer for the year, I don't have much change at the moment, so would appreciate it if you could give me the right cash.

Thanks Cath.

Trades Directory

Don't forget our trades directory is on the sales table if you need a recommended tradesman. If you need one any other time, I don't mind if you contact me. My email address is:- cathgreenwell@hotmail.com or you can ring my mobile on [07855158730](tel:07855158730).

Thanks Cath.



Raffle



We will be holding a Raffle at our November meeting.

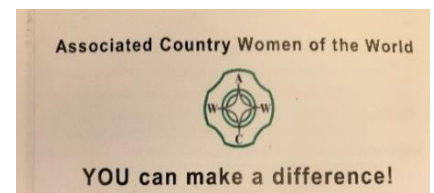
Any items you have that would make suitable raffle prizes, please let me have at the meeting.

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



Jigsaw Table



There will be a jigsaw table this month, then not again until February, so get your Christmas puzzle today! £2 to buy, free to swap.

Cake Makers



A big Thank You to the following who have volunteered to bake or buy cakes for our November meeting: **Carol Beasley, Kath Edwards, Jo Harvey, Pat Ross, Helen Staniforth and Jenny Wright.**

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.

If you can no longer provide these refreshments, please contact me.
Pat (07714 097947)

Tea and Coffee

I would like to remind ladies to bring your own drinking cups/mugs to the meetings please.

Thank you, Justine x.



Clubs and Teams

Canalside WI Walking Group – October Walk, Sketchley Old Village, Burbage



Four ladies and one husband met in the car park of the Hansom Cab in Hinckley to begin a 3-mile walk. We walked along a nature reserve at the back of the DPD buildings, to the A5 where we turned off to walk towards Sketchley Old Village in Burbage. We enjoyed seeing the horses who wandered over to greet us. We finished back at the pub for a hot drink. We were very lucky the weather stayed dry for the duration of our walk.



Canalside WI Walking Group – November Walk, Market Bosworth Country Park



The November walk will take place on **Wednesday 15th November at 11.00 am.**

We will be walking around Market Bosworth Country Park where we will pick up part of the Leicestershire Round walking through the woods and then back into the park by the lake. The walk will take approximately **45 minutes**, it is **2.5 miles** and most of it will be on good footpaths.

We will be meeting at the **Rectory Lane car park in Market Bosworth at 10.45 hrs for an 11.00 hrs start.** Parking is 50p for two hours and the post code is **CV13**

OGZ. After the walk, those who want to, can enjoy a hot drink or a sandwich lunch at the Red Lion in Market Bosworth.
Teresa Leavitt 07771 987009.



Third Tuesday Craft Club

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 21st November** - new members are always welcome. We meet at the **New Plough at 6.30pm.** For any further information please do not hesitate to contact Julie Murray or Julie Cooper.

Bits and Bobs Craft Group



Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 28th November.** We meet at the **New Plough at 6.30pm – 8.00pm.** We are hoping to have a shared table.

Thanks Colleen.

Darts



The darts season is over, but we are hoping to meet up to practise before the next season starts in March 2024. If there's anyone who would like to join us, please let us know. Pat x

Skittles



We played our second match against Narborough and Littlethorpe WI on Thursday 19 October, at the Heathcote Arms in Croft.

Sadly, we lost 3 games to 2. It was a tight match at 2 games all, but we lost by one point in the final game.

It was still such a good night with great company!

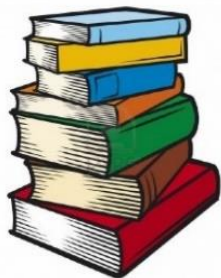
We plan our comeback in the next match against Leire! We are playing on Tuesday 14 November.

Onwards we go ladies!

Anyone wishing to join us, either to play, or watch and join in the evening, please let me know.

Gill x

Book Club



We had a record 17 people at our last meeting to discuss **'The Maid' by Nita Prose**. Most of us had really enjoyed the book and it was a nice experience to be sharing our positive thoughts 😊 As always, we had lots of suggestions for future reads and finally agreed on:

13th November – 'The Paper Palace' by Miranda Cowley Heller.

11th December - Two books by Agatha Christie: 'The Murder of Roger Ackroyd' and/or 'Murder at the Vicarage'.

All welcome to our meetings at **The Greyhound at 11.45am on the second Monday of the month.**

Pat xx



Regular Social Monthly Meet Up



Canalside WI member, Eleanor Schofield, has kindly volunteered to coordinate a regular monthly meetup in a local café for anyone who is free and would like some company.

The meet ups will take place on the **third Thursday of the month, so the next meeting will be on Thursday 16th November at 11.00am in the Hansom Café in the Atkins Building, Lower Bond Street, Hinckley.**

All are welcome. It may be possible to set up a WhatsApp group for this. Mandy.

Events and Trips

If you have put your name down for a trip and then find that you can't go, it is your responsibility to inform the committee member responsible. At present this is **Mandy Cutler 01455 251809**.

Our priority is to find a replacement(s), so you need to give us a **minimum of 48 hours' notice**. If we cannot find an individual/people who want to go then, unfortunately, we are not able to refund you. We do try to have a reserve list for the trips we run.

Elf the Musical-Hinckley Concordia Theatre – Wednesday 8th November



As usual, I will meet anyone going to see this production upstairs in the foyer of the Concordia, near the piano.

I will have your tickets with me to hand out.

Gill x

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



This event is fully booked.

Please be at the distillery at 3.00pm. Your afternoon tea will be served shortly after you arrive.

The tour will start about an hour later at 4.00pm and will finish at approximately 5.30pm.

There will be time to socialise afterwards, and the distillery will remain open until 6.30pm.

Please can you let Jenny Wright know at the trips desk, at the November meeting, if you have any special dietary needs, including allergies.

Day trip to London, Saturday 2nd December - Cancelled

Unfortunately, the committee have taken the decision to cancel this trip. We only had 11 people sign up.

Please see Caroline if you require a refund.

Visit to Jain Temple – Thursday 15th February 2024. 32 Oxford St, Leicester LE1 5XU.

Tour starts at 10.30am and lasts about an hour.



No charge, donations welcomed. You will need to arrange your own transport.

We have been fortunate enough to arrange a visit and tour on the above date to the first consecrated Jain Temple in the Western world.

Here is some selected information from the Story of Leicester website:

'What we know today as Leicester's Jain Centre started life in 1863 as a Congregational Chapel which eventually closed in the 1970s. In 1988 the building became the Jain Centre.

This simple chapel has been transformed into a spectacular Jain Temple, the first to be consecrated in the Western world and the first to accommodate all sects of Jainism under one roof. Its exterior has been clad in white marble imported from India, whilst interior decorations and furnishings were created by thousands of hours of fine craftsmanship. Features include 44 magnificently carved sandstone pillars, a beautiful temple dome and ceiling with traditional carvings, white marble floor, mirrored walls, traditional doors at the Garbhagriha (the inner sanctum) and hand-carved staircases. The Centre houses consecrated images, temples, a museum, library, auditorium, dining hall and other facilities.



Jainism and Leicester

Originating in India, Jainism is one of the oldest religions. Jains believe in equality in all living things and so swear a vow of non-violence, are vegetarian, care for the environment and are tolerant of other faiths.'

Names will be taken at the November meeting.

It is possible to go on from the visit to the Jain temple to have lunch at the Taste Experience Restaurant if you wish. It is a short walk (10- 12 minutes) from the temple to Leicester College – or there are several buses you can catch for a 3-minute ride.

Taste Experience at Leicester College - Thursday 15th February 2024 at 12.30pm.

The restaurant is at Leicester College, Freeman's Park Campus, Aylestone Road, Leicester, LE2 7LW.



Excellent reviews for quality of food.

Lunch menu: £15 for three courses; £13 for two courses. (Coffee or tea £1)

Taste has been offering fine-dining experiences at accessible prices for many years in Leicester. The restaurant is fully catered and staffed by Leicester College food and hospitality students, under the supervision of industry-experienced teachers.

Unfortunately, the restaurant website is down at present, so I can't give you a link to the sample menu, but there are a few to look at on the trips desk.

Names and payment will be taken at the November meeting.

LRFWI Annual Council Meeting, Saturday 16th March 2024



Every year we are invited as members of the WI to our Leicestershire and Rutland Federation Annual Council Meeting, at Leicester Grammar School, London Rd, Great Glen. This year it will be on Saturday 16th March. **The speakers for the Annual Council Meeting 2024 are: Mrs Henrietta Chubb JP High Sheriff of Leicestershire for 2023 – 2024 and Polly Toynbee Columnist and Writer.**

Tickets are now available to buy at £15 each and Judith needs to have names of those who wish to attend and their money for tickets by **Jan 22nd, 2024**.

This meeting usually has speakers and competitions. It would be nice if our Canalside group could be represented in the competitions. Judith, our secretary, has sent out information to all of our members by email.

The competitions are as follows:

Children's Cookery Competition £0.50p to enter.

Individual Adult Cookery £1.00 to enter.

Jose Smart Award for Individual Flower Arrangements £1.00 to enter.

Each competition has certain rules which must be adhered to. Judith has the information at the County News Desk. It would be really exciting for some of us to take part we have so much talent amongst our members.

Tickets for this county event and others can be purchased from our secretary, Judith Smith, at our monthly meetings.

Or tickets can be purchased by email to wihouse@lrfwi.org

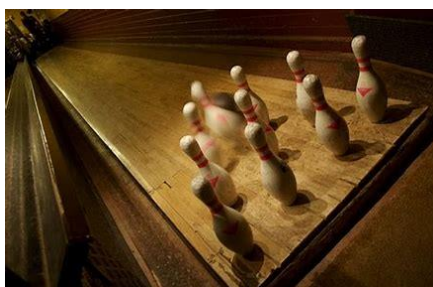
You will need a booking form first at:

<https://leicestershire-and-rutland.thewi.org.uk/federation-downloads>

Payment to the Federation is by BACS. Please send BACs payments to: L&RFWI, NatWest Bank, Sort code: 60-02-17, Account number: 24626546 Reference: Event Name

Skittles Evening – Friday 22nd March 2024

Barnacle Village Hall, Lower Road Barnacle CV7 9LD



This is a fun evening where we have teams competing over two rounds of three types of skittles.

These are long alley, bar skittles and tabletop skittles. There will be a break halfway through for a supper of either, fish and chips, chicken and chips or a vegetarian option.

This is open to family and friends with a price of **£12.00 per head**. Please bring your own liquid refreshment (including glass) as there is no bar.

There will also be a raffle and a prize for the winning team. You will need to arrange your own transport.

Further details to follow.

Summary of Events and Trips

For WI trip bookings, please contact Mandy Cutler on 01455 251809 or the person named in the 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
Visit to Jain Temple	Thursday 15 th February 2024	No charge	November meeting	No charge	December meeting	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lunch – Taste Experience Restaurant	Thursday 15 th February 2024	£15 or £13	November meeting	£15 or £13	December meeting	N/A	N/A	January 2024 meeting
Skittles Evening, Barnacle Village Hall	Friday 22 nd March 2024	£12	November meeting	£12	December meeting	N/A	N/A	February 2024 meeting

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.)

All the information about County Events is in your newsletter and County News. **You can book with me at a meeting** or contact federation yourself by email at: wihouse@lrfwi.org

You will need a booking form first at:

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Judith Smith

Billa Barra Hill, 25th Anniversary Walk and lunch 7th November 10.30 am in the car park (LE67 9TA) £6. Revisit the copse where LRFWI planted 258 trees, followed by lunch provided by Markfield WI

Seasonal Serendipity 16th November Kirby Muxloe Village Hall. November 16th 2023. £12 plus afternoon tea. Speakers Sue Lobb and Gail Wooliscroft (note the change of venue & more places available)

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.

Annual Council Meeting Will take place on Saturday, 16 March 2024 at Leicester Grammar School, London Road, Great Glen LE8 9FL.

Individual craft competition. To be staged at the Annual Council Meeting on Saturday, 16 March 2024. Competitors can enter a piece of wearable jewellery inspired by water and in any medium. Entry fee is £1, and the winner will receive a gift voucher.

Children's Cookery Competition. To be staged at the Annual Council Meeting on Saturday, 16 March 2024. Competitors can enter three pieces of flapjack on a plate and there are two age classes: 7 years and under; 8 years to 15 years. It is recommended that all bakery items be displayed on a china or pottery plate not paper, and all items are covered with cling film or are in a clear polythene bag. Entry fee is £0.50p, and the winners will receive a small prize.

Adult Cookery Competition. To be staged at the Annual Council Meeting on Saturday, 16 March 2024. Competitors can enter three Cheese scones on a plate. It is recommended that all bakery items be displayed on a china or pottery plate not paper, and all items are covered with cling film or are in a clear polythene bag. Entry fee is £1, and the winner will receive the WI Leicestershire Silver Tray, to be held for one year plus a £20 book voucher in memory of John Lobb.

Jose` Smart Award- Individual Flower Competition. To be staged at the Annual Council Meeting on Saturday, 16 March 2024. Competitors can enter a small fresh flower arrangement incorporating a single candle in a holder size not to exceed 6" x 6", height unlimited. Entry Fee is £1, and the winner will be awarded the José Smart cut glass vase for 12 months.