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HINCKLEY CANALSIDE WI

SEPTEMBER 2024

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President's Message



Hello Ladies

I hope you all had an enjoyable break.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th September. Our speaker is Bill Haley BEM who is talking about life on board the Royal Yacht Britannia. I'm sure you will have lots of questions for him at the end of his talk. I have often wondered if any of the royal family suffered from seasickness. Perhaps I will be able to ask him?

We are so lucky that our membership numbers are increasing, which means that we need more help. Setting up the room for meetings is quite a job, with this in mind we could do with more assistance. It means attending a bit earlier around 6.30pm to 6.45pm. We also need meeters and greeters, this entails meeting any visitors or new members perhaps introducing them to others or finding them a seat.

If you could help with any of these things, please let me or a member of the committee know.

I am looking forward to seeing you all.

Ann x

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

Change of Personal Details



It is very important that all of your details are up to date: Addresses, emails, phone numbers and emergency contacts.

We keep this information securely, only sharing it with those committee members who need it to contact you.

If anything is changed, please let me know. I am at the signing in table at our meetings. If you would rather text me my number is 07714 097947

Thank You, Pat

Car Parking at the Mary Forryan Centre

It has been raised with the committee that when using the car park at the Mary Forryan Centre a small number of users have not parked within the lines, resulting in cars taking up two spaces.

It is kindly requested that consideration be given to other users of the car park when parking, Thank you from the Canalside Committee.

A Date for your Diary! Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 27th September 2024



Management at Sainsbury's in Hinckley have kindly agreed to Canalside WI holding a cake sale on Friday 27th September to raise funds for Macmillan.

We will be able to set up our table just outside the entrance to the store – so it will be weatherproof!

Macmillan Cancer Support is 98% funded by voluntary donations. So, our efforts will help Macmillan to continue to support people living with cancer.

How you can help

You can bake and/or help on the stall on the day.

Pledge boards and a rota will be circulated at the Sept. meeting .

You can **deliver your bakes (cakes, biscuits and savoury items)** to either myself on **Thursday 26th September, 10.00am until 6.00pm at:**

25 Cambourne Road, Burbage, LE10 2BG. Phone 07724 124094

OR

To Judith Smith on **Thursday 26th September, between 11:00am and 1:00pm and again between 4:00pm and 6:00pm at:**

45 Landseer Drive, Hinckley, LE10 OGF. Phone 01455 642339

OR

Bring them to Sainsbury's on Friday 27th September from 9.00am until 12 noon.

Please label your baked item with a brief description and indicate if it contains nuts.

All monies raised will go directly to Macmillan.

Thank you so much. Mandy x.

July Meeting Snapshot – Bridget Blair “The Magic of Radio”



At our last meeting we had Radio Broadcaster Bridget Blair do a talk on “The Magic of Radio” Bridget gave an entertaining and enlightening talk on her 30-year career as a radio broadcaster/journalist in both national and local radio. She worked for the BBC Radio 4, Radio Xtra and BBC Radio Leicester. She gave an enthusiastic talk about different stories and experiences she had encountered over the years. She spoke very movingly about her visit to the Ukraine many years ago with The Samaritan's Purse shoe box appeal and how she was able to visit the orphanages in Ukraine to deliver Christmas boxes to children and cover the stories of their different plights. She talked about a radio appeal, for a four-year old boy with a brain tumour who needed Proton Therapy in the USA and how Radio Leicester helped raise the funds and make it possible for him to go for treatment. He survived and just finished his A 'levels. She gave some funny stories about other people she had encountered and how fascinating she found people she met to cover stories on. She admitted she will talk to all kinds of people and find that everybody has a story to tell. These ranged from “Charlie” a local tramp who chose to live in Abbey Park Leicester, to the magpie murderers and a Jam

Jamboree. It was an interesting and enjoyable evening.

September Cake Makers



A big Thank You to the following who very kindly agreed to bake or buy cakes for our September meeting: **Jan Heeley, Sue Moore, Sheila Phillips, Pauline Pratt, Carol Roberts and Mary Rowley.**

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.

Can I please also kindly remind members to bring their own cup / mug for refreshments – thank you.

Thanks Pat.

Regular Social Monthly Meet Up



Due to limited number of people attending this event, it has been agreed to postpone the social meetings until further discussions can be held regarding day / location of future meetings.

Please watch this space for further details when it recommences in the near future.
Eleanor x

Fundraising Events

Book Sales Table

There will be a book sales table at this month's meeting. All books are 50p, please bring the right change if possible. I now have enough books and have limited storage, so don't need any more at the moment. Also, don't forget about the Trades Directory.

Thanks Cath.



Raffle



We will be holding a Raffle at our September meeting.

Tickets are £1.00 each.

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

Thanks Gill x

ACWW / Pennies for friendship

The National WI has decided to no longer support this charity. We now need to decide what to do with the money collected from the pennies and left over cake sales since February. We are considering our local Women's Refuge as a worthy cause. Please no longer bring in your pennies.....if you have some collected then the purple bucket will be at the usual place at the next meeting.

Thank you for your generosity. If you have any views on this, please talk to me or any committee member. Pat

Jigsaw Table



There will be a jigsaw swap table in September, but not in October. Free to swap or £2 to buy.

Clubs and Teams

Canalside Amateur Dramatic Society (CADS)



The time is fast approaching for our first meeting of CADS. This will be held at The Greyhound Inn, New Buildings, Hinckley at 19:30hrs on Wednesday 25th September. The room is upstairs on the first floor at the front of the building, if unsure, ask the bar staff, they are very friendly.

The meeting will be very informal, so we can get to know one another, what experience you have had in the performing arts, if any. What ideas you might have for the group. If you can't make this meeting, don't worry, we will be meeting on the last Wednesday of the month at the same time and venue.

Look forward to meeting with you all, Sue x

Third Tuesday Craft Club



In our July meeting we decoupage seashells using table serviettes.

It was a bit messy, but we were happy with our finished results. We had to utilise a hairdryer to dry the

sealant, but this gave us time to chat and eat Joy's delicious cake.



At our August meeting we enjoyed crafting flowers made from donated fabric.

We started the project with 5 circles of fabric which we sewed into petal shapes. We then affixed the chosen decoration to the front of the flower and a pin at the back to enable the crafter to wear the completed project.



During the evening, we enjoyed very tasty Bakewell cakes baked by our resident baker Joy.

We meet again on the 17 September.

Bits and Bobs Craft Group



The Bits & Bobs crafters met at the end of July, and we made pom-pom flowers. They were very easy to make using forks and looked great in bunches or on headbands. We will be demonstrating these next meeting.

On 27th Aug we met and made a variety of items. Some people started wire and bead brooches, others used large metal shapes and used thread or yarn to decorate them. They were all very different to each other, but all lovely in their own way. We agreed to continue this next time. We will be meeting on 24th September at The New Plough, as usual.



Darts



The darts season is now over until next March. We came third in our group. Hollycroft WI won and will go on to play Waltham in the Wolds in the semi-final. If they win that they will play Ashby Spa in the final. We wish Hollycroft best wishes.

We will be having some practice sessions before next March so if anyone would like to have a try, please talk to me or any other players. No previous experience necessary 😊 Pat

Book Club



We have had 2 meetings since our last meeting:

In July we discussed “Resist” by Tom Palmer It is set in occupied Netherlands in WW2. We all enjoyed reading it. It was short, straight forward and informative.

In August we discussed “The Memory Keeper’s Daughter” by Kim Edwards. A moving and poignant novel set in the 1960s about grief, family and betrayal. It was judged to be well written and thought provoking, although a bit long winded in places. It was a very interesting and different type of story.

Our next meeting is on Mon 9th Sep at The Greyhound at 11.45 to discuss **“The Dressmaker’s Gift by Fiona Valpy.**

This is another book set in WW2 in Paris and the present day. All welcome!

Pat xx

Other Information



Lynne Sharpe, Area NAFAS Demonstrator will be at the Millennium Hall in Burbage to demonstrate her excellent flower arranging skills on Tuesday 8th October at 2 pm.

Members of Canalside WI are welcome.

The cost with refreshments is £10. Please contact Carol BEARDSMORE on [07913 716517](tel:07913716517) for tickets.

Events and Trips

If you have put your name down for a trip and then find that you can't go, you must inform the committee member responsible.

Please email Mandy and Margaret at canalsidewitrips@gmail.com or phone 01455 251809.

Or the person named in the Events and Trips section.

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.

Singin' in the Rain – Kilworth House Theatre, Matinee performance – Sunday 21 July 2024.



What a fantastic time we had at Kilworth !

Brilliant seats and an amazing performance !

Thank you for all the lovely feedback.

Gill x

Elton Hall and Gardens, Thursday, 1st August



On the 1st of August a group of ladies visited Elton Hall, a part Gothic historic house near Peterborough. The house has been in the Proby family for over 400 years. Every room contains treasures including paintings, furniture, silk wall coverings and hand painted wallpaper and is often used for historical TV dramas.

The guide was excellent being very informed about the hall.

After the guided tour we went into the Mulberry Cafe based next to the Hall for an excellent lunch followed by a tour of the gardens which included topiary, herbaceous borders, a sunken lily pond and an orangery garden.

It was a wonderful sunny day, and the visit was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Judith Smith



Visit to Saffron's Flower Farm – Dahlia Event.

Thursday 12th September 2024, 10.00am – 12.30pm (approximately) - £25 pp.



We are organizing a visit to **Saffron's Flower Farm, (Sutton Lodge), Frolesworth Road, Broughton Astley, Leics.**

LE9 6PG.

17-minutes' car journey from Hinckley and just under 8 miles, so an easy drive.

This is an opportunity to:

- ❖ Do a tour of the flower farm with a talk.
- ❖ Followed by a demonstration of making a dahlia arrangement.
- ❖ Then you can make your own dahlia hand tied bouquet with a generous supply of flowers – and you will take this home with you!

Saffron and Nicole will be your hosts. The cost includes coffee/tea and cakes. You will need to bring your own jug to take your hand tied bouquet home in.

Open to members, family and friends at the September meeting.

FOUR places left.



Stanford Hall, Lutterworth LE17 6DH - Wednesday 18th September

LEAVE MARY FORRYAN AT 1.00pm

ARRIVE BACK AT MARY FORRYAN AT 5.00pm

Total cost, to include entry, tea/coffee and biscuits and minibus travel, is £27 per person.

A private guided tour of the hall starting at 2.00pm. Rose Garden and 14th century church.

Stanford Hall is a beautiful Grade 1 listed heritage home, built in 1697 and situated between the borders of Leicestershire, Northamptonshire. It is a hidden gem of a place.

The River Avon flows gently through the park and the hall has been the home of the Cave family since 1430. In the 1690s, Sir Roger Cave commissioned the Smiths of Warwick to pull down the old Manor House and build the present Hall, which is a fine example of their work and of the William and Mary period.

There is a walled rose garden and beautiful 14th century church, which has exceptionally interesting family monuments and wonderful stained glass. The stable yard houses a full-size replica of 'The Hawk', one of four flying machines designed and successfully flown by Lt Percy Pilcher RN who was killed flying his machine at Stanford in 1899.

Open to members, family and friends at the September meeting.

Staunton Harrold Artisan Christmas, Thursday 7th November



Entry fee: £10.

Travel on minibus £10

TOTAL COST £20

Journey time from Hinckley 50 minutes.

LEAVE MARY FORRYAN AT 9.00am

ARRIVE BACK AT MARY FORRYAN AT 3.00pm

PAYMENTS TAKEN AT THE SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER MEETINGS ONLY

A truly magical festive shopping experience, inside the impressive Staunton Harold Hall. The family of the Hall open their doors at Christmas to welcome you all into their beautiful family home.

An opportunity to come and experience this opening of the stunning Grade II Georgian Mansion usually closed to the public. Many of the rooms will be beautifully decorated and filled with carefully selected artisans and makers from across the country. Plenty of food and drink stalls outside the house.

A five-minute walk away is the estate's former stable block and now the Ferrers Centre for Arts and Crafts - another must-visit. A few lovely shops and a gallery, selling ceramics, glass, paintings, prints, textiles etc. There is also a café.

Adjacent to the courtyard, and set within historic walled gardens, Staunton Harold Nurseries & Garden Centre sells plants and gifts. It also serves up refreshments in the Peach House Restaurant, a Victorian building originally used to grow peaches and other fruit for the Earl Ferrers resident in the hall.

Open to members at the September meeting.

Open to members, family and friends at the October meeting.

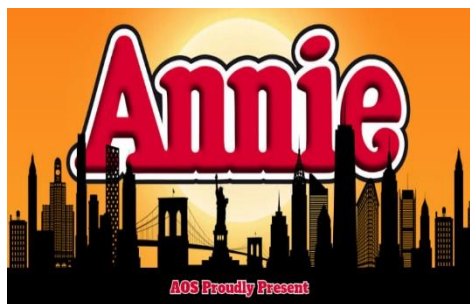
Beetle Drive – Wednesday 30th October at 7:30pm, The Greyhound



Held every year in remembrance of former member Margaret Copson, proceeds donated to cancer research. Please feel free to bring friends and family, all are welcome.

Cost is £7.50 and inc a supper, please be sure to bring the correct money or a cheque.

Annie, Concordia Theatre – Wed 13 November 2024



We are going to see Annie at The Concordia on Wed 13 November.

Cost is £17 per ticket, but if we have more than 10 people going, this will be discounted to £15.30 per person.

Names and £10 deposit required at our Sept meeting.

Thanks Gill x



Taste Experience at Leicester College - Friday 22nd November 2024 at 12 noon. (Note the slightly earlier time.)

The cost of the lunch is £22 per person.

By WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER I need to have:

- ❖ A non-refundable deposit of £10.00 per person
- ❖ Your menu choices

Full payment at the latest by November 6th.

I will be taking payments and menu choices at the September meeting.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON MENU

FIRST COURSE

Lightly spiced parsnip soup, served with vegetable crisps and herb oil (GF) (VG) (VE)

Prawn and avocado salad, baby gem lettuce, bloody Mary sauce (*GF)

Mushroom and Walnut Pate with toasted bread and sultana chutney (*VG) (*GF) (VE)

Ham hock and chicken terrine, toasted sour dough and piccalilli (*GF)

MAIN COURSE

Turkey breast, pigs in blankets, sage and onion stuffing (*GF)

Rolled braised beef with caramelised onion jus (GF)

Baked salmon, buttered samphire, beurre blanc (GF)

Warm root vegetable tart tatin, vegetable puree & jus (VG) (*GF) (VE)

All served with potatoes and winter vegetables

DESSERT

Homemade Christmas pudding, brandy sauce (*GF) (*VG)

Gingerbread cheesecake, honeycomb crumb (*GF)

Lemon roulade, raspberry compote (GF) (*VG)

Caramelised pineapple, spiced orange syrup, coconut, and vanilla ice cream (VE) (GF)(*VG)

Coffee/tea and Chocolate truffles

VE- Vegetarian, GF-Gluten Free, VG- Vegan (*GF) adapted for Gluten Free, (*VG) adapted for vegan Please advise at time of booking.

Summary Of Events and Trips

For WI trip bookings and enquiries, please email Mandy and Margaret at canalsidewitrips@gmail.com or phone 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
Saffron's Flower Farm – Dahlia Event	Thursday 12 th September	£25	July meeting	£25		£10	£15	September meeting
Stanford Hall	Wednesday 18 th September	£27	July meeting	£27		£10	£17	September meeting
Little Women at Concordia Theatre	Wednesday 9 th October	£14.40	June meeting			£10	£4.40	September meeting
Beetle Drive	Wednesday 30 th October	£7.50	July meeting	£7.50	July meeting	Full payment required	-	October meeting
Staunton Harrold Artisan Christmas	Thursday 7 th November	£20	September meeting	£20	October meeting	£10	£10	October meeting
Annie at Concordia Theatre	Wednesday 13 th November	£17:00 (reduced to £15.30 if more than ten tickets sold)	September meeting	£17:00 (reduced to £15.30 if more than ten tickets sold)		£10	£7	November Meeting
Taste Restaurant at Leicester College – Christmas Lunch.	Friday 22 nd November at 12 noon.	£22	-	£22	-	£10 Due at the October meeting	£12	November Meeting

Trip Notice If your emergency contact phone number has changed, please notify [Pat McShane](#) so that we can update our records. The organiser 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, Booking can be made directly to Federation House, paid by BACS or book with me at the next meeting.

Please read the flyers (County Events) I have sent out for full details of all events.

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: leicestershire-and-rutland.thewi.org.uk/federationdownloads.

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.

Kind Regards, **Judith Smith**

Speakers Showcase Evening, Thursday 24th October at Mary Forryan Centre, Hinckley. 6.30 - 9.00pm, £5. New speakers will give us an opportunity to sample their talks/demonstrations. As it is being hosted by Canalside WI, we would appreciate members coming along to see the speakers and also help with setting out the room, refreshments etc.

Autumn Dabble Day, Saturday 23rd November. South Croxton Village Hall. £20 to include all materials. 10.00am - 3.00pm. Chance to try a variety of crafts. A basic sewing kit and glasses for close/fine work may be needed. Tea/coffee will be provided.

Celebration of Carols, Thursday 5th December 10.30am - 12.30. £8 to include refreshments. A celebration of carols at St Luke's Church Main Street Thurnby, LE7 9PN

Stratford Christmas Market, Saturday 7th December 10.30am from Three Pots Rd bus stop, leaving Stratford at 4.00pm. Christmas events fill up quickly.

Harrogate Holiday, Monday 13th January to Friday 17th January, 2025. Travel by coach. Cost £339 (£20 single supplement) Chance to visit many of the town's historic buildings. Includes four nights' accommodation, four evening meals, four buffet breakfasts and one afternoon cream tea and nightly entertainment.

Canine Partners, a registered charity that partners people with physical disabilities with assistance dogs. October 30th, 10.30am. £8. to include refreshments. The Farmhouse Ashby Road, Osgathorpe LE12 9SR. Open to friends and family.