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## INSPIRING WOMEN



HINCKLEY CANALSIDE WI

OCTOBER 2024

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### President's Message



Hello Ladies

October is here and with it comes colder weather and some special days of celebration Trafalgar Day, Battle of Hastings and our Craft Evening.

I am so looking forward to it. Its free to all of our members and there will be something for everyone. We will have 8 tables for everyone to move around to watch and take part in the craft ideas, 2 of the tables will be manned by our very own craft club members. This was Justine's idea (a member of the committee), and she has been a big part of the planning. Thank you so much Justine.

I would like to thank the volunteers who helped set up for September's meeting. It made a huge difference, and the meeters and greeters who welcomed 6 visitors.

We had more than 70 members in attendance, so we are still looking for volunteers to help at the beginning and the end of each monthly meeting if you would like to help, please contact a member of the committee.

See you all soon, Ann x

**Just a reminder - the email address to contact myself is: [canalsidewipresident@gmail.com](mailto:canalsidewipresident@gmail.com)**

### October Meeting – Craft Evening



Our October meeting will be a little bit different to normal. We are holding a craft evening, where you will be able to participate in the crafts. There will be eight different "craft tables" that you are able to sit at and try. When you have finished you can then move on to the next available seat at another craft table and try a new craft if you want to.

The crafts available are:

Glass Infusion (Christmas Tree), Cupcake Decorating (you will be provided with a cupcake), Mandala Painting (bookmark), Silver Clay Jewellery, Floral buttonholes, Greeting Card with a charm and our two WI Craft Clubs.

Please can we ask you to arrive **no earlier than 7.15pm for 7.30pm start**, this will enable the "crafters" to set up their tables.

We will be having tea, coffee and biscuits set up and available throughout the evening so please remember to bring you cup.

All of the crafts you make will be free of charge apart from the Glass Infusion where there will be a £7 charge to make a Glass Christmas Tree. This is usually £10 but WI are paying £3 towards this, so please remember to bring

cash or cards on the night if wanting to make this.

Looking forward to seeing all you budding crafters!

Justine Goodwin

## Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 27th September 2024



Dear Members,

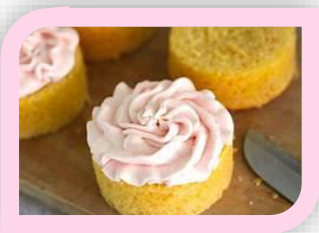
Just to say a BIG thank you to all those who supported this event. The home-made cake bought were in plentiful supply; they all looked delicious. We had a robust rota of helpers, and the venue was perfect.

Local people were, as usual, extremely generous with their donations.

This means we have raised a total of **£282** for Macmillan Cancer Support.

I will be writing to the Manager and Customer Services Lead at Sainsbury's to thank them. Mandy.

## October Cake Makers



No cakemakers needed for our October meeting. We decided that, because we will be busy with the different crafts, biscuits will be sufficient with our tea and coffee. Will be looking for volunteers for November meeting. 😊

Please remember to bring a mug or cup for refreshments.

Thanks Pat.

## September Meeting Snapshot – Bill Haley, “The Royal Yacht Britannia”



At our September meeting, we were joined by Bill Haley BEM who delivered a fascinating presentation of ‘Life on Board Britannia’. Bill served in the Royal Navy for 27 years; 7½ of those spent on the Royal Yacht Britannia which Bill explained was an absolutely fantastic experience.

The Royal Yacht Britannia had three stated aims: to take the then Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip to as many new world countries as possible; to be a hospital in the event of a war and to have a focus on trade i.e. to sell the UK abroad.

The ship was commissioned on 11th November 1954 steaming well over ½ million sea miles in 43 years.

Clocks stop at 3.01pm in the afternoon; this was the last time the Queen stepped off the Yacht.

Length 412' 3" with gross tonnage 5,769. 1956-7 travelled to Antarctica; 1977 a focus on the Queen's silver jubilee and 1997 formal handover of Hong Kong to China fleet review.

Bill recollected how he always had an impression on board of the Queen smiling all of the time and, when she got to her room, removing her shoes and being able to relax. No photographers were present on the ship. Bill also commented that he never knew who was standing behind him in a queue as the Queen queued like everyone else.

Bill explained that the Union Jack Flag can only be called a Union Jack when it is attached to a ship's mast otherwise it should be known as the Union Flag.

The Royal Yacht Britannia was called a yacht instead of a ship, so it did not have to be registered as a NATO was ship and have a large number painted on the side.

## Regular Social Monthly Meet Up



The next coffee social is booked for 11:00am on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at Jaspers coffee shop.

There is parking at the rear of the shop.

Everyone welcome.

Look forward to seeing you.

Eleanor x

## Fundraising Events

### Book Sales Table

As the room will be needed for the eight craft event hosts, there will not be a book sales table at this month's meeting.

Thanks Cath.



### Raffle



There will be no raffle at our October meeting.

Thanks Gill x

### ACWW / Pennies for friendship

We have raised £35, from your change and money collected for leftover cakes at meetings, since March. The National WI no longer supports ACWW. We think that the money should now be donated to our charity which is at present the Foodbank. Please no longer bring in your pennies.

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 not be a jigsaw table in our October meeting.

## Clubs and Teams

### Canalside Amateur Dramatic Society (CADS)



The drama group held their inaugural meeting on the evening of September 25th.

Although there were only a small group present (due to holidays etc) we had a productive discussion with interesting ideas being put forward.

Our next meeting is at the Greyhound Inn, New Buildings, Hinckley, on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 19:30hrs. Please come along if you are interested in joining us. Sue x

### Third Tuesday Craft Club



At our last session we prepared for Halloween by making pumpkin shapes with macramé, rags or other spooky themes. It was very much a design fest!

We didn't get time to fully complete our pumpkins, so we now have homework to do!

Our next meeting is on the 15th October .

## Bits and Bobs Craft Group



Thanks Colleen

Eight of the Bits & Bobs crafters met and continued with the wire or yarn weaving we started last time. We really enjoyed it and produced some excellent work!

We next meet on October 29th at The New Plough, when we will be making beaded Christmas decorations.



## Darts



The darts season is now over until next March.

Good Luck to Hollycroft who play Ashby WI on 1<sup>st</sup> October in the final.

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

## Skittles

The skittles season is on us again.

If you would like to put your name down to play, please see me at the next meeting.

All welcome – it's always a fun evening!

First match will be in October – date to follow.

Thanks Gill x



## Book Club



**At our September meeting we discussed “The Dressmaker’s Gift by Fiona Valpy.**

This is another book set in WW2, in Paris and the present day. We all enjoyed it but have decided that we are going to avoid World Wars now books for a while!!

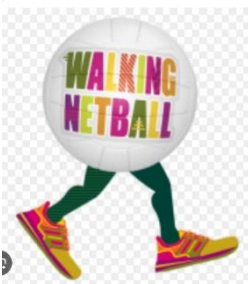
Our next book is **“Green Darkness” by Anya Seton**. It is set in the 16<sup>th</sup> century and the present day. It is long and requires dedication to complete. I feel this will have mixed reviews!

Our next meeting is on **Monday 14 October** at the usual time and place: **11.45 in the back room of The Greyhound.**

All welcome 😊

Pat xx

## Other Information - Walking Netball



This is an excellent way to get some gentle exercise and meet up with ladies from local WI's. Several years ago, the Netball Federation got in touch with the WI saying they would coach ladies who could then go on and lead netball sessions within their WI group. Hollycroft WI took up this offer and have been running Walking Netball sessions since. It now includes members from other local WIs and would welcome more.



We meet every Tuesday from 2 to 3pm at Green Towers, Richmond Road. We pay £3.50 to cover the hire of the gym. You would be welcome to come and see what we do. If you want any more information, then talk to me or anyone you may recognise in the photo.

Pat xx

## 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](mailto:canalsidewitrips@gmail.com) or phone 01455 251809.

Or the person named in the Events and Trips section above.

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.

### Visit to Saffron's Flower Farm – Dahlia Event, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024



Fourteen members thoroughly enjoyed the dahlia event run by Saffron and Nicole. The weather was kind and allowed us a pleasant stroll round the farm where Saffron talked about the different flowers they grow and how they are used for wedding events and their workshops.

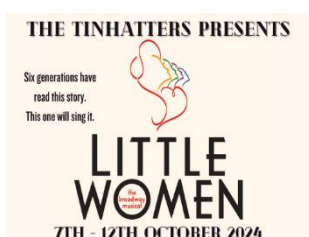
This was followed by a demonstration on how to make a dahlia arrangement, using a 'bridal group' format! It was relaxing and fun making our own creations, with a generous choice of dahlias and greenery. Each bouquet was hand wrapped by Nicole and Saffron ready to take home.

The home-made cakes were excellent!

I would highly recommend a visit. Mandy.



### Little Women – The Broadway musical, Concordia Theatre – Wed 9 October 2024



If you are going to see the production of Little Women, and have not already paid, full payment is due at our October meeting.

Tickets are at the discounted price of £14.40 each.

As always, I will meet you in the upstairs foyer near the piano to hand out tickets on the night. Gill x

## Beetle Drive – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Staunton Harold Artisan Christmas, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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

**ONE SPACE LEFT**

**FINAL PAYMENTS TAKEN AT THE OCTOBER MEETING BY JUDITH**

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.

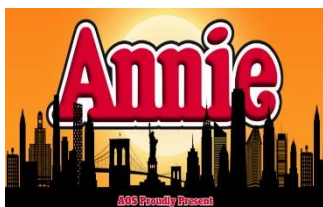
**An opportunity to come and experience this opening of the stunning Grade II Georgian Mansion usually closed to the public. Many of the rooms will be beautifully decorated and filled with carefully selected artisans and makers from across the country. Plenty of food and drink stalls outside the house.**

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, family and friends at the October meeting.**

## Annie, Concordia Theatre – Wed 13 November 2024



Sorry to advise we have had to cancel going to see this production through lack of interest.

Sadly only 3 names put down, therefore unable to do a group booking.

Refunds will be given at our October meeting. Gill x



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

The cost of the lunch is **£22 per person.**

**By WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER I need to have:**

- ❖ **A non-refundable deposit of £10.00 per person**
- ❖ **Your menu choices**
- ❖
- ❖ **PLEASE SEE JUDITH AT THE OCTOBER MEETING**

**Full payment at the latest by November 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**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.**

**Mother Goose – Concordia Theatre, Wednesday 15 January 2025**



We are going to see Mother Goose at The Concordia on Wed 15 January 2025.

Oh yes, we are !!

Cost £18 per ticket. If we have more than 10 people going, this will be discounted to £16.20 per person.

Names and £10 deposit required at our Oct meeting.

Thanks Gill x

## Summary Of Events and Trips

For WI trip bookings and enquiries, please email Mandy and Margaret at [canalsidewitrips@gmail.com](mailto: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
<b>Beetle Drive</b>	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	£7.50	July meeting	£7.50	July meeting	Full payment required	-	October meeting
<b>Staunton Harold Artisan Christmas</b>	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	£20	September meeting	£20	October meeting	£10	£10	October meeting
<b>Annie at Concordia Theatre</b>	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>EVENT CANCELLED</b>	-	<b>EVENT CANCELLED</b>		-	-	Refunds in October meeting
<b>Taste Restaurant at Leicester College – Christmas Lunch.</b>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November at 12 noon.	£22	-	£22	-	£10 Due at the October meeting	£12	November Meeting
<b>Mother Goose at Concordia Theatre</b>	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	£18 (reduced to £16.20 if more than ten tickets sold)	October meeting	£18 (reduced to £16.20 if more than ten tickets sold)		£10	£8 (or £6.20 if more than ten tickets sold)	December 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](mailto:wihouse@lrfwi.org)

**You will need a booking form first** at: [leicestershire-and-rutland.thewi.org.uk/federationdownloads](http://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.

**Christmas Wreath Demonstration & afternoon tea**, Kirby Muxloe Village Hall LE9 2EQ, 21st November. £12 per person, refreshments included. Come along to learn how to make your own Christmas Wreath. Kits are available to buy on the day

**Autumn Dabble Day**, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.