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HINCKLEY CANALSIDE WI

JANUARY 2025

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President's Message



Hello Ladies,
Happy New Year !!!

I hope you all had a good Christmas and managed to get some rest from the festivities.

Our meeting is on a later date than we normally have, it's on Wednesday 8th January starting at 7.30pm.

The 2025 programme is coming to fruition, and I would like to thank you all for the ideas you put forward.

The Charity which gained the most votes was Canine Partners, I will be inviting them to one of our meetings to talk about what they do and how the donations are used.

Thank you to Teresa Leavitt, Marie Cropp and Julie Avcott for offering to help prepare the room for our meeting on the 8th January, (we start the preparations at 6.30pm).

Eddie Smallwood is our speaker, Eddie is speaking about hiccups/ errors at Royal Coronations through the ages, he has been our speaker quite a few times and they have always been amusing and informative.

Members of the committee have volunteered to provide cakes this month, which has become a tradition for January, so I hope you enjoy them.

See you all soon, Ann

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

Reminder - £5 subsidy for members on trips or a theatre visit



Committee members have agreed to offer all members a £5 subsidy.

This can be used on one occasion to offset the cost of either a trip or theatre visit in the period January 2025 to December 2025.

Mandy and Gill.

Resolutions 2025

Please read your WI Life and County News for information on 2025 Resolutions which we will be voting on at the January meeting. It is on pages 18 to 21. Please bring the voting slip with you to that meeting where we shall be collecting them after a brief run-through what the 4 resolutions are about.

Very briefly they involve:

1. **Incontinence**
2. **Saving Lives**
3. **Repair and Reuse of clothing**
4. **Medication packaging**

January Cake Makers



Cakes will be provided by the committee at the January meeting. 😊

Please remember to bring a mug or cup for refreshments.

Thanks Pat.

Save The Date



I would like to give members advanced notice of the SOS Charity Fashion Show that we will be holding on Friday 11th April. This event will also be open to family and friends, it will be an opportunity to refresh your wardrobe at greatly reduced prices. You will be able to purchase many high street brands and Italian and French designer wear. Sizes range from 8 - 30.

Tickets will be available at our February/March/April meetings. This event has been very popular in the past, so let's make it even bigger this year. Sue x

December Meeting Snapshot – Christmas Party



At our December meeting we had our Christmas Party. This year we had Hinckley's own famous crooner Dean Thomas and he did not disappoint. He sang a variety of songs including many Christmas songs to get us all in the festive mood, he threw in a few jokes and was very entertaining. Members were in the Christmas spirit and had dressed up in their Christmas jumpers, hats etc. We had beautiful table

decorations made by Margaret Lawrence. The talented Cath Greenwell playing songs on her organ. We had a lovely Christmas buffet, with the leftovers being kindly taken at the end of the night to Lawrence House by Mandy Cutler. Gill Hannah did a great Christmas raffle. Many members had generously brought in gifts and chocolates for the Women's refuge which were kindly taken to The Hinckley Hub the next day by Ann Bowles. We ended the night with our tradition, "the twelve days of Christmas" which was sung with great enthusiasm from members on each table and as always, it was good fun.



Fundraising Events

Book Sales Table



There will be a book sales table at the January meeting. 50p per book, as usual. Please bring the right change if possible.

Also, don't forget we have the Canalside trades directory, if you need a tradesman. I don't mind you contacting me between meetings. My no. is 07855158730. Thanks Cath.

Raffle



We will be holding a Raffle at our January meeting. Tickets are £1.00 each.

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

Thanks Gill x

Jigsaw Table



There will be a jigsaw table this time. Free to swap, £2 to buy.

Regular Social Monthly Meet Up



The next coffee get together will be on Thursday 16th January at 11am at Jaspers Cafe in Castle Street. All welcome,

Parking at the rear and dogs are welcome.

Eleanor x

Clubs and Teams

Canalside Amateur Dramatic Society (CADS)



Watch this space for details regarding the next meeting.

Sue x

Third Tuesday Craft Club

Our next meeting is the third Tuesday in January, project is to be decided.

Bits and Bobs Craft Group

We next meet on January 28th at The Plough, as usual. We're not sure for definite, but we're probably going to making painted suncatchers - hoping for some sunshine!
Colleen

Skittles



We had a great night at the Heathcote Arms playing skittles against Sheepy Magna WI.

Fantastic news ! We won 4 games to 1 !

Well done ladies !

Our next match will be later in January against Hollycroft WI.

Gill x

Book Club

A very good Christmas meeting on 9th December with 14 of us present. The book we were discussing was "Someone Else's Shoes" by Jojo Moyes which we all enjoyed and scored highly. We then had a few poems read and tucked into all the food we had brought in to share.

Future reads are:

13th January "The Ghost" by Robert Harris.

10th February "The Woman who went to Bed for a Year" by Sue Townsend

We meet at the Greyhound at 11.45 on the second Monday of the month and welcome new people to come along and see if it suits them.

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 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.

Mother Goose – Concordia Theatre, Wednesday 15 January 2025



If you are attending this performance, I will meet you from 6.45pm onwards in the upstairs foyer, next to the piano, where I will hand out tickets.

Performance starts at 7.15pm.

Looking forward to a great evening !

Thanks Gill x

Canalside WI Quiz on Saturday 8th February 2025 at Stoke Golding Club

7.00pm for 7.30pm start.



PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAMES AT THE JANUARY MEETING EVEN IF YOU WISH TO PAY AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING.

Are you up for a challenge? This is always a fun event! David and Pauline Bendell have kindly agreed to be our quiz masters.

Tickets are £10 to include a Fish and Chip Supper! (Vegetarian option available.) Bar and raffle.

If you don't want food the cost is £5.

Bring family and friends. Maximum of 6 per team. This event is open to non-members, male and female.

Margaret and Mandy.

Guided Walk and Lunch at the Taste Restaurant, Leicester – Wednesday 12th March

As a member, you may choose to use your £5 subsidy on either the lunch or the walk.

WALK - £5 per person

LUNCH: £16.00 three courses per person £14.00 two courses per person.

See the menu below.

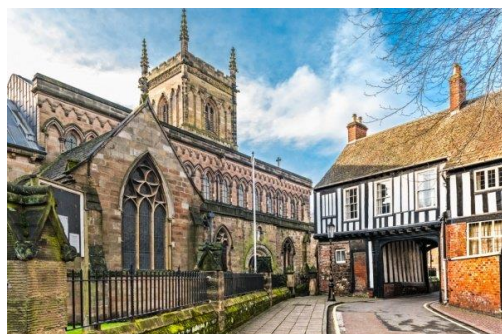
Final payment at the March meeting.

The walk will start at the Park and Ride bus stop on St Nicholas Circle (Jubilee Square) in town at 10.30am.

The walk will finish at the college at 12 noon in time for lunch to be served at 12.30pm.

You may want to do both activities or one only.

Guided Walk



With spring round the corner, there's the opportunity to take part in an historic walk around Leicester with Blue Badge Guide, Steve Bruce, followed by lunch at the Taste Restaurant.

Steve Bruce is an experienced Blue Badge Guide; here are the details of the walk:

Leicester - Where Old meets New

Starting in the heart of Roman Leicester, we shall walk in the footsteps of Medieval Kings of England then pause at the Norman Castle, where signs of the 1645 Siege of Leicester can still be seen. On the way we shall touch on the huge influence of the industrial revolution, which turned the city into a major manufacturing centre, and see how Leicester is adapting to life in the 21st century. Finally, we pass Leicester's second 'castle' before finishing at Leicester College for lunch, having walked through 2000 years of history in approximately 90 minutes.



Lunch Menu for Taste Restaurant, Leicester College, Freeman's Park Campus, Aylestone Rd, Leicester, LE2 7LW.

First Course

Cream of mushroom soup, garlic croutons, chestnut mushrooms (V)(VG)(GF)

or – Smoked mackerel pate with cucumber textures, horseradish crème fraiche, toast (GF)**

or – Serrano ham with celeriac remoulade, charred cherry tomatoes (GF)

Main Course

Braised feather blade of beef with pomme puree, confit Roscoff onion and persillade (GF)

or – Lemon pepper salmon supreme, sweet potato mash, sweetcorn succotash and a Cajun tomato sauce (GF)

or – Feta and spinach filo strudel, tomato and harissa sauce and vegetable cous cous (V) (VG)**

Dessert

Steamed syrup sponge pudding, spiced winter berries, orange crème anglaise (GF)**

or – Choux bun with cherry and kirsch liquor crème diplomat

or – Fruit platter with sorbet (V)

Filter coffee or tea £1.00pp

Grease – Kilworth House Theatre - Matinee performance – Sunday 3 August 2025.



I will be taking names plus £10 deposit for this show at our January meeting.

Remainder of the money to be paid by our April meeting.

Once again, we have managed to secure some excellent seats.

Tickets are £54.00 each but if we have 20 tickets, as we did this year, the cost will be discounted to £49.00 each.

It is always a great afternoon. Kilworth never fails to put on a fantastic show !
Gill x

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
Canalside WI Quiz	Saturday 8 th February	£10	November meeting	£10	November meeting	-	-	February Meeting
Guided Walk in Leicester	Wednesday 12 th March	£5	January meeting	£5	February meeting	-	£5	March meeting
Lunch at the Taste Restaurant, Leicester	Wednesday 12 th March	£14 or £16	January meeting	£14 or £16	February meeting	£5	£9 or £11	March meeting
Grease at Kilworth House	Sunday 3 rd August	£54	January meeting	£54	February meeting	£10	£44	April 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.

Happy New Year, **Judith Smith**

a) Race Night, 3rd March 2025. To be held at the Stoke Golding Club, 7 - 9.30pm. Cost £15 each to include a fish & chip or chicken & chip supper. Friends and family welcome.

b) ACM Saturday 29th March 2025. 10.30am - 3.30pm. Tickets £16, stewards £8. Delegate gets a free ticket plus one for a friend to accompany her.

Speakers are Dr. Annie Gray and Vicky McQueen. This is always a good day and if you are interested in being the Delegate it is very easy as all you need to do is vote for the resolution and then write a short report for the Canalside newsletter. Please speak to any committee member for more information.

c) Gurdwara Visit, Leicester. Wednesday 7th May 2025. 10.30am - 12.30pm for a tour followed by refreshments. Head coverings must be worn. Tickets £10.

d) Bletchley Park, Wednesday June 18th, 2025. 10.30am- 3.30pm Tickets £45, pick up at Three Pots Burbage at 9.30am.

e) Yorkshire Holiday staying at the Old Swan Hotel Cost £650 plus £80 single room supplement. Monday 22nd - Friday 25th September 2025.

For detailed information please look at the flyers I sent out before Christmas.