

□ Farringdon WI Monthly Newsletter – July 12th □

This is a new idea, a **Newsletter**, with highlights of the month for your quick and easy reference. Our hope is to simplify the correspondence and reduce the time given to business at the meeting. It will be available on line the Monday preceding the Wednesday meeting. Hard copies will be given to those members not on line. We welcome your feedback to this suggestion.

1. Important. Please arrive in good time at the July meeting. The speaker will begin our meeting at 2pm, as agreed at the garden party, followed by Tea, finishing with business. Members will be invited to discuss new timing suggestions at the July meeting.

2. June and July 'Hampshire News' available for collection at the July meeting.
Ordered Centenary WI mugs are available for collection at the meeting.
Welcome Packs for new members available for collection too.

3. Garden Party was great success, 26 members attended. Photographs sent to the Village Magazine and Farringdon Biz.

4. The WI supported a Bridge tea fundraising event in June for the Rosemary Foundation, contributing to the cakes and serving at tables. Member and organiser, Kate Causton, gratefully acknowledged our support in an account published in the Village Magazine. Such a happy and successful occasion, raising just over £2,000!

5. Kate, Dawn, Dee, Geraldine and Sheila enjoyed the Group Quiz and performed moderately well! Joint first were Selborne and Alton branch. Photograph sent to Farringdon Biz.

6. At the September 2nd Village Coffee Morning there will be a Table Top Sale. Could we have a WI table and all contribute unwanted items, the sale of which will go to the Rosemary Foundation.
Di Childs to discuss at the meeting.

7. Craft Challenge-Gill Pears to discuss.

8. Lunch Club: 21st July, French Horn, 12.30pm. Please sign up on the circulating board.

9. Knit and Natter: Lunchtime meeting arranged with regular attendees of the group. See Sue Collett for more information.

10. A Good Read: Book of the Month - **Koh-i-Noor by William Dalrymple and Anita Anand** (Bloomsbury £16.99): the diamond that has been fought over for centuries. Discussion to take place re establishing a book club and/or scrabble club to meet in the evening. - Dee Pane to discuss.

11. The August Meeting is replaced by a social event, a visit to West Green Garden and Tea Rooms. Hartley Whitney, Hampshire .Wednesday, 9th August,2-4pm. We suggest you go on line to read up on the garden. (<http://westgreenhouse.co.uk/>) If you are a National Trust member, bring your membership card and entry is free. For non members the cost is £8.

We are booking a group ticket at £20 per head , to include a talk and cream tea.(Less £8 if you are a NT member, therefore £12 per head)

Alternatively, you may choose to pay as you go and choose your own refreshments or have none.

A board will be circulated at the meeting for you to sign up to the outing. Please bring your money to the meeting. We suggest we coordinate our travel arrangements and car share. Final details to follow.

12. Cook Book going well . Please continue to search out your favourite recipes and pass to Debbie Selwood, Jo Pilgrim or Anne Charrington. Update at meeting. Grateful thanks to them for organising the first of our Centenary activities!

13. Speakers. If you can recommend a speaker to the committee please contact Julia Pickering. We will be planning next year's speakers and welcome your suggestions. Would you like to join the subcommittee? Contact Julia.

14. Centenary Planning sub-committee. Dawn, Kate F, Kate C and Dee would welcome more members to join us. A variety of ideas will mean we will have a great 2018!

15. Auction, Murder Mystery, Resuscitation/ First aid, evening events. Dates tbc.

16. WI garden. Would all members keep an eye on its well being, and weed and water, whenever you have a spare 5 minutes? It is very important to maintain this area for the village isn't it?

17. A monthly Farringdon WI advert will appear in the Village Magazine, giving details of the WI for prospective new members. All published posters, leaflets will include our Farringdon WI Logo, also mentioning our support for the Rosemary Foundation (for the 1st 6 months of the year, May- October)

Correspondence:-Secretary.

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