



## **Farringdon WI Monthly Newsletter March 2018**

This is our 8th Newsletter, which highlights dates in 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 on the content.

### **1. Next Monthly Meeting, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**'Introduction to Silk Painting' plus workshop.**

**Speaker Deborah Wheeler**

**( To participate in the workshop please remember to bring £1.50 for the cost of materials.)**

Arrival From 1.30 pm please. ( Correspondence, raffle tickets, activity and diary details are available to view before the meeting.)

Speaker begins 1.45 pm

VOT Geraldine Barber

Refreshments Grateful thanks to Geraldine Barber and Gill Pears.

Flowers for the Speakers table Grateful thanks to Dee Panes.

### **2. Dates for this Month:**

**Knit and Natter:** 21/03/2018 at Sue Collett. Sign up your interest at the meeting.

**Lunch club** Golden Pheasant, Farringdon. 28/03/2018 12.30pm. Sign up your interest at the meeting.

### **3.AOB**

To all members not at the February meeting, Voting results;

-Lunch prior to the meetings:

The Committee have discussed the value of continuing with the lunch trial. It was decided that lunch was too rushed and had a negative affect on the smooth running of the afternoon meeting and has not increased the breadth of membership as hoped, so the Committee suggest that we discontinue lunch immediately from February. Decision was carried at the February meeting.

-Teapot trial! Again the Committee have discussed this and suggest that it really hasn't been beneficial to our Monthly meetings. We suggest that we revert to tea the easier to manage option of tea being served directly from the kitchen. Decision carried at the February meeting.

Please continue to make suggestions on how you think we might improve our meetings. We are always happy to try new ideas. Members will be invited to vote for the continuation of the suggestion after a trial period. □

-Nominated charity for 2018. The Members at the February meeting voted for the local Alton based charity, 'Care in the Community' to benefit from small profits we might accrue during the year and donate to the cause. This charity provides a valuable transport service to a medical appointments. For more information on the charity, please look at the Information table.



#### **4. THIS MONTH'S CRAFT CHALLENGE IS.....**

March craft challenge is.....**Make a daffodil** - any medium may be used.

For the rest of the year I have listed here some suggestions that link the craft activity to the subject of the talk that month. I hope that by giving you advance notice, with time to plan ahead, you might decide to 'have a go' at one or more of the ideas. Happy Crafting!  
Gill Pears

April – no challenge

May – Make a face out of food

June - Make a flower card

July – Make an Owl

August – Decorate a paper plate

September – Write a Fire Safety Poem

October - Make a poppy

November – A curiosity- An object or fact

December – Make a Christmas Cracker.

#### **5. Finance** Notice from our Treasurer, Kate Faulkner;

**The appointment of the Independent Examiner for our accounts-** an annual requirement.

Over the past few years we have used Maureen Buckland who lives in Bishop's Waltham. She has inspected our books after the year end, 31st March and we receive a signed Financial Statement which is reported at our AGM and sent to HCFWI.

I have spoken with Maureen and she would be happy to do it again this year. If there are no objections I propose that we use her again? I will request a seconder from the floor at the meeting.

#### **6. Book of the Month**

***Finding Gobi- Dion Leonard-* is a truly heart-warming story for animal lovers worldwide...Waterstones rating 5\***

In 2016, Dion Leonard, a seasoned ultra marathon runner, unexpectedly stumbled across a little stray dog while competing in a gruelling 155 mile race across the Gobi Desert. The lovable pup, who earned the name 'Gobi', proved that what she lacked in size, she more than made up for in heart, as she went step for step with Dion over the treacherous Tian Shan Mountains, managing to keep pace with him for nearly 80 miles.

*Finding Gobi* is the ultimate story of hope, of resilience and of friendship, proving once again, that dogs really are 'man's best friend.'



## **7. Read on for selected Hampshire events and Austen Group Activities**

(See National WI website and WI magazines for other activities, factual information and articles)

1. **2019 WI Diary** Order Form. Price for the WI Diary will be £4.70 each. Closing Date 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018. See sign-up sheet for further details and to add your name to the list.
2. **Austen Group Skittles Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September Beech Village Hall.** One team of x5 players may enter. See signature board.
3. HCFWI General Knowledge Quiz 2018. Federation quiz is an annual event which starts with the first rounds held in the Groups, between 7<sup>th</sup> May and 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Closing date 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018. The group final will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> October at the Pavilion-on-the-Park, Eastleigh. There are monetary prizes to be won! Each team to have x5 members. See sign up sheet for further information.
4. Picnic at Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, Ampfield. Celebrate 100 years in style, bring a picnic and a bottle of Fizz and sign along to golden oldies with the Silver Beatles. Tickets £12 for adults and £6 for children. Closing date 31<sup>st</sup> May. See sign up sheet for further details.
5. HCFWI – Then, Now and the Future. An exhibition at the Winchester Discovery Centre June 9<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>. HCFWI would like to invite WI's to show our treasures (e.g. old photos, documents, banners, artefacts and banners). All items to be brought along to WI House on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> April between 10.00 and 1.00 p.m.. See folder for further details.

6. **Austen Group – Outing to Oxford.** Medstead WI have a coach booked to take members and friends to Oxford on Wednesday 2nd May. They are inviting Us plus friends, partners. Cost £14. There is masses to see and do in Oxford - the colleges, Ashmolean museum and of course good shops plus plenty of food and drink outlets. Interested -contact Medstead WI Secretary Gill Siddall direct.

7. **Your contribution to Community Books?** - has asked the Hampshire Federation for a variety of interesting accounts from Villagers, for publication. Entries in by Spring Meeting, 21<sup>st</sup> March. See attachment.

8. **Austen Group -Invitation to Medstead Centenary Celebration Lunch.28<sup>th</sup> June.** Would any 2 members like to help Medstead celebrate their Centenary? See Dawn for details.