



Farringdon WI Monthly Newsletter – October 11th, 2017

This is our 3rd 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 to this suggestion.

1. Please note the new Lunchtime trial for the October Meeting 1.00pm for lunch followed by the Monthly meeting beginning at 1.30pm.

The members agreed to piloting an idea to meet at the hall a little earlier, 1pm, for a simple Ploughman's lunch costing £1. The aim is to give anyone who chooses, the opportunity to socialise for longer, chatting over a light lunch. Let's give it a go!

Proposed timings to be as follows:

- 1.00 p.m. - Option of arriving early for Ploughman's Lunch
- 1.30 p.m. - Access to schedules/news/activities/dates/information
- 1.45 p.m. – Speaker, Dr. Alick Jones 'Some Weeds Worth Growing'?
Our thanks to Annabel Partridge for the VOT.
- 2.40 p.m. – Refreshments. Our thanks to Kate Faulkner.
- 3.0 . m. - Social time
- 4.00 p.m. – Close

Speakers 2018

The Subcommittee members (Julia Pickering, Kate Faulkner, Sue Collet and Ann Ainsworth, Dee Panes, and Dawn Perry) met to organise the Programme for the coming year. It promises to be varied, interesting and entertaining!

N.B. From October, the Committee have decided to introduce a simple assessment note to distribute to members at the end of the meeting, requesting their views on the speaker and topic. (grading 1-5, plus any comments) Taking only a minute to complete it is an idea copied from other WI's and is a useful tool in grading the success of the talk. Feedback can be given to the Federation or stored for future reference.

Finance

We have £723.37 in the account as at end of September 2017. Approximately £300 of that balance is committed for payment to Federation, speakers and hall hire for the remainder of the year.

THIS MONTH'S CRAFT CHALLENGE IS : To support National Wool Week (9-15 October) we would like you to.....

Make a Halloween Decoration incorporating wool somehow – the item doesn't need to be made solely of wool but can be. The Prince of Wales launched the Campaign for Wool in 2010 and is now a Patron. His interest in sustainable farming has a link to WI interests in the same. Happy crafting! Gill Pears



WI Lunch Club 12.30 p.m. For date and venue please see circulating board. Please speak with Sue for more details.

WI News Farringdon Biz

Please look at the WI updated news on the Farringdon Biz. Chat with the committee with your ideas for information to be included in the future.

Hampshire News.

Please take an opportunity to look at this Monthly Magazine and decide if you would want a copy in the future. (Many are left at the hall following distribution, which is a costly waste to our WI). We will discuss this at the meeting.

WI Bench and Garden area

Please continue to weed, deadhead or water whenever you have a free 10mins. Thank you.

The Centenary Cookbook

All contributions are in and the layout is with the printer for discussion. Thank you to everyone for your recipes. Grateful thanks to our wonderful members, Debbie Selwood, Jo Pilgrim, and Anne Charrington for all their efforts so far- and it's not finished yet! Watch this space!

The Centenary Bunting

Gill, Kate C, and Geraldine were going to try out a few ideas. The deadline is 31st October, for submitting a Pennant to the NFWI. We will see the results of their efforts at this October meeting!

Book of the Month

The Year of Living Danishly- Helen Russell

Denmark is officially the happiest nation on Earth. When Helen Russell is forced to move to rural Jutland, can she discover the secrets of their happiness? Or will the long, dark winters and pickled herring take their toll? *A Year of Living Danishly* looks at where the Danes get it right, where they get it wrong, and how we might just benefit from living a little more Danishly ourselves.

Centenary Activities

Centenary Sub Committee

The 1st meeting of the Centenary subcommittee (Kate F, Kate C, Dee, Marianne, and Dawn) has met and plans are underway which will be shared and discussed with all members as soon as the information is confirmed. If you have any ideas to help us celebrate our 100yrs as a WI please mention them at the meeting or speak to any of the above.

Please note; The Committee do take account of the interests of our members, expressed on their registration forms, when planning the Programme and all events. This detail has only been obtained from those members who have joined in the past 18 months. We don't have written details of interests for anyone who was a member prior to that, so to update our records, COuld you please reply to Kate's future email – as treasurer, Kate holds the register- and let us know. Many thanks.



Dates for your diary this month for local events

Knit and Natter to take place at Sue Collett at Parkview, East Tisted, on Wednesday 18th October 2-4pm. Please sign up on the board circulated at the meeting. Please speak with Sue for more details.

Lunch club Wednesday 25th October, The Golden Pheasant, 12 30pm. Please sign up on the board circulated at the meeting.

Group Austen Autumn Meeting -Wednesday 11th October. Hosted by Chawton WI, at Beech Village Hall, 7.30 p.m. Dawn, Julia, and Dee to attend. Any member may attend. Please see any of the above for more details.

HFWI Autumn Council Meeting. Tuesday 17th October 10-4 pm, The Anvil, Basingstoke.

HANNAM'S Auctioneers- Reminder of Hannams evening Visit in two weeks time **on Wednesday 25th October, 6:30 to 8:30 pm**, at Hannams Auction Room, Selborne. Full details previously circulated. Please add your name to the list if you would like to come along to what promises to be a very interesting evening.

There is a small charge of £2.00 towards club funds. If space permits non-members may attend at a charge of £5.00.

See Kate Faulkner Kate.faulkner@keme.co.uk or 01420 511252

Future Activities

1. **St John's Ambulance Essential First Aid Course.** £27 per person, 9-12.30pm. 14th Feb. 2018. This is a 3 ½ hr course with AED demonstration, resulting in a First Aid certificate, valid for 3 years. More information will be available at the meeting. To register your interest, please sign the sheet that will be circulated
2. **Gardener's Question Time at Sparsholt on 16th January 2018** - Each WI in Hampshire will be allocated 4 tickets at £4.50 each. Speak with Dee for more information if you are interested
3. **Murder Mystery Evening.** 2018 Date TBC. Profits to our nominated charity. The Rosemary Foundation
4. **Visit National Gallery** – see board for signing up
5. **Dame Esther Talk** – 12th January (see board for sign up)
6. **WI & WIFEST** – see board for signing up
7. **WI Farringdon Evening Scrabble Group** – see board for details and signing up.
8. **WI Farringdon Ploughman's Lunch November Meeting**– see board for signing up.
9. **WI Farringdon Rota for 2018** - see board for signing up
10. **Healthy Living & Wellbeing Week (your ideas please)** see circulating board.

See circulating information on Denman activities listed below:

1. New Year House Party -30th Dec to 2nd Jan 2018
2. Left over Pie: 101 Ways to Reduce your Food Waste with Anna Pitt – 8th February 2018 (see flyer at meeting)
3. The Remarkable Lives of the Suffragettes with Diane Atkinson – 16th February 2018 (see flyer at meeting).