

Federation Quiz 2023

The Quiz was held on a lovely evening, it always seems to be a warm evening for the quiz, and as usual it was a fun and enjoyable night. Thanks must go to the WIs that helped the Membership Committee by making cakes, selling raffle tickets and all the other little jobs that help make the event run smoothly. Thanks go to Huncote, Kibworth and Smeeton and Anstey WIs for their assistance.



The quiz as usual was very close with only 3 points between the winning teams at each venue. The overall winners were **Oakham Ospreys at Kibworth**, who also won last year, so congratulations to them. The other winners were Burbage Roses at Huncote and Blazers at Rothley.

Oakham Ospreys From left to right:
Sherida Evans, Gillian Hester, Margaret Hall, Elizabeth Sime.

The winners at Huncote were **Burbage Roses**, Burbage WI with a score of 69


The photograph from L to R Sue Crockett, Anita Tidman, Carol Wightman, Sherryll Eady.





The winners at Rothley were **Blazers** from Burton Lazars WI with a score of 67

The photograph from L to R
Carolyn Figgitt, Marilyn Pepper, Lynda Middleton, Hugh Middleton

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Bosworth Field Group



On July 24th 31 members of Bosworth Field Group visited Beaumanor Hall in Woodhouse. We enjoyed a tour and talk of the work that took place there during the Second World War. Beaumanor was taken over by the War Office and was instrumental in essential work done in decoding and providing intelligence which helped shorten the war by some 2/3 years. It worked closely with Bletchley Park.

The Hall is now owned by Leicestershire County Council. We all enjoyed learning about its history and the incredible work done during WW2. The tour finished with light refreshments. The photograph shows members in front of the beautiful stained glass window on the staircase of the hall.

Ashby Show Sunday 9 July 2023

A super display was shown and WIs involved included Appleby Magna, Ashby Castle, Ashby Spa, Breedon, Coleorton, Nailstone, Ravenstone, Sheepy Magna and Thringstone. We would love more of our Federation WIs to get involved. Sheepy Magna WI - was the winner for 'A day at the races' handicrafts, the floral exhibit winner and winner of best craft item in Show with the 'fascinator'.

There was a James Bond theme with 'Bond Girls', soft cocktails and roulette tombola. James Bond Octopussy handicrafts and cookery competition winner was Nailstone WI.



Winner of best cookery item in Show Appleby Magna WI with their roulette cake.



We had fun so included an end of show water pistol fight with James Bond by the cocktail bar and girls from Sheepy Magna WI. We had a super day, the standard of competition entries was very high and we were delighted that one of our judges was our past Chair, Janet Kirk. Country Markets supported the event and regular customers returned to buy delicious cakes.

Any WI wishing to get involved next year should email Anji Forsyth at anjiandtim@hotmail.com.



JERUSALEM JAMMERS

We are delighted to welcome our new musician, Andy, to the band providing support to both musicians and dancers.

Some very soggy Jammers arrived in Newark to take part in the city's Traditions Festival. As the weather was so bad, the planned procession and dance programme were abandoned. Sides took turns to perform in the walk through at the Town Hall. Meeting up with other Morris sides is always a pleasure and the varied costumes provided a colourful spectacle for the passing shoppers. As always we are happy for potential musicians and dancers to come along to a practice to suss us out.

Contact Sue for details on 01455 458107.



Electronic Communications to members



There are exciting plans to send email communications to WI members in a trial direct mailing.

This aim of this is to help get information out to you if you miss a meeting for some reason and to look at information in your own time. We can promise this will only ever be monthly and will relate to just to Leicestershire & Rutland WI business and not include any information from NFWI, advertisements or any other unrelated business. Feedback from MCS representatives and Secretaries in early discussions has been very positive about this plan. MCS representatives are in the process of updating email addresses to make sure we have the correct information for you. Our Board Trustee Sue Lobb, the Federation's MCS Support Special Appointment, reaffirms that any communications (emails included) sent out to individual members by individual email are always subject to strict GDPR (Data Protection) rules, and that any member not wishing to receive this proposed new style of individually will be given the opportunity to opt out.

All WI members are recorded on the National database, called the Membership Communication System (MCS). Overall, this is managed by National, but looked after locally by the Leics/Rutland Federation by WI House/Sue Lobb, and at individual WI level by appointed MCS Reps.

The vast majority of members these days have an email address stored alongside their details and this is for two important reasons: firstly, it acts as a member's username for her own individual access to the Members-only website called MyWI.org, and secondly, a member's email address allows direct contact with her individually by either National, Leics/Rutland Federation (i.e. WI House) or her own WI.

Finally, it is important to emphasise that this exercise is not intended at any point to replace the usual monthly mailing to your Secretaries; and, of course, we have not forgotten about those members who either do not have an email address or who choose not to have it recorded on the MCS. They will still get information from their monthly meetings, and from County News, and of course they can also ring WI House direct to book.

Leisure Committee

We are holding a Fun Competition Evening **Tuesday 3rd October 2023 7pm** Leicester Pétanque Club, Western Park, Hinckley Road, Leicester, LE3 6HX— £6 including a jacket potato! Institutes are invited to bring teams of three to play. Previous experience not necessary as Pétanque coaches will be available to help. Please wear trainers or similar. Please book through your secretary with the choice of jacket potato before 26th Sept.

Public Affairs Committee

Resolutions 2024

Points to remember if you are thinking of submitting a resolution to National. When your resolution is ready it must be checked by your federation. It must be signed off by the Resolutions Co-ordinator. Your federation is only required to check that the wording of the resolution is clear, that the resolution is not repeating an issue on which the WI already has a mandate, and that the resolution does not go against the charitable objects of the NFWI. They cannot refuse to approve a resolution because they disagree with the content or the aims of the resolution.



The deadline for sharing your resolution with your federation for sign-off is 3 September 2023



Bulb Planting

Our 'Mary, Mary' event is on Saturday 23rd September 2-4pm at Federation House. Why not come along and join us for a bulb planting session in the garden, and enjoy a cuppa and some cake.

If you are unable to attend we would welcome a donation of bulbs from WIs or individuals.

Sue Mottram, Resolutions Co-ordinator

What's On?

Sat 16 th Sept	Officer Training—Secretaries and Presidents	WI House	£3
Thu 21st Sept	Which Craft? at 10 –12	WI House	FREE
Sat 23 rd Sept	Mary, Mary how does our garden grow?	WI House	£2.50
Tue 3rd Oct	Pétanque Fun Competition Evening	Western Park	£6
Sat 7 th Oct	Developing Embroidery	WI House	£20
Sat 14 th Oct	Autumn Lunch	Devonshire Place	£30
Thu 26th Oct	Speakers Showcase	Goodwood Bowls Club	£5
Wed 1st Nov	Science Question Time	WI House	£8
Tue 7 th Nov	Billa Barra Hill Anniversary Walk	Billa Barra Hill	£6 (lunch)
Wed 15 th Nov	Christmas at Kew	Coaches Burbage, Oakham, WI	£43*
Thu 16th Nov	Seasonal Serendipity	St Bartholomew's Church	£12
Sat 25 th Nov	Christmas Dabble Day	Park House, Glenfield	£20
Tue 5 th & Thur 7 th Dec	Christmas Walk	City Centre	£7*

2024 ACM art competition 'Celebration'

*some sessions and coaches are now fully booked

Board of Trustees—Chairman's Column



There's lots to enjoy through 2023 with a full and exciting programme of events with a broad range for everyone. With the Women's Football World Cup in full swing as I write, our Leisure Committee continue to offer great opportunities for darts, skittles, croquet and Pétanque. They may even get us all wet in 2024 at the Outdoor Pursuits Centre with some water sports for those adventurous souls! There is fine dining at our Autumn Lunch and we hope to improve our craft of embroidery with excellent tuition. Of course, events are about meeting new people, catching up with friends and learning new skills which is at the heart of the WI. Any ideas for events you'd like to see do contact us.

Our officers event on Sept 16th hopes to offer an opportunity for all to share the tips and tricks in the role of president or secretary. A massive thank you to all that you do for the WI.

Glenice Wignall, Chairman

Arts & Crafts Committee

Individual Craft Competition to be staged at the Annual Council Meeting on Saturday, 16 March 2024 at Leicester Grammar School

SCHEDULE: A piece of wearable jewellery inspired by water. In any medium, let your imagination run free.

Competitors may only enter one item and must be competitor's own work. Exhibits to be brought to the venue on **SATURDAY, 16 March 2024** between 9am to 10am. No entries will be accepted after this time.

Exhibits may not be removed until the end of the meeting. The Federation will not be responsible for any exhibits left after the meeting.

The judges will be appointed by the Federation. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Whilst every care will be taken with exhibits, the Federation cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to exhibits during judging and display.

Judging will be in accordance with "On with the Show" which is available from WI House or online at My WI.

Fee payable is £1.00. The winner of this competition will receive a gift voucher. **The entrance fee can be paid on the day. No entry form is required.**

Notices

Please can all WIs, whether booking through their secretary or booking individually, use the NEW booking form which asks for an individual phone/email for attendees. We can confirm and keep in contact if there are any changes on the event and for health and safety.

You can find the booking form on lrfwi.org/ federation downloads

Congratulations to our Monthly Draw winners!

1st Prize £25— Sheila Meredith, Shearsby & Arnesby
2nd Prize £15— Valerie Skeffington Birstall & Wanlip
3rd Prize £10— Hildred Freeman Newbold Verdon



Membership Committee Training Event

OFFICER'S FORUM

Saturday 16th September 2023

WI House

11am-1pm



£3 to include tea/coffee

Two separate groups - one for Presidents, another for Secretaries- will each be led by a WI Adviser, who will answer all your questions and share best practice with others doing the same job.

Arts & Crafts Committee Event

Which Craft? Craft Social Mornings



3rd Thursday of the Month

Next one Thurs 21st Sept 2023

10am 12noon

Come along for a friendly and relaxed morning where we each bring our craft projects

Organised by PA Committee

Mary, Mary.....How does our Garden Grow??

Saturday 23rd September

WI House

2-4pm

£2.50



Join us for tea and cake and help us enhance our Federation House garden by planting bulbs. Donations of bulbs from WIs and members welcome. Bring your own dibbers!

Art & Crafts Committee fundraising event

Developing Embroidery Skills

Saturday 7th October 2023

WI House
10am-3pm

£25



Learn embroidery stitches to make a hanging sampler. Beginners or improvers welcome.

Please bring your glasses or a magnifier if you usually need them.

Fund Raising Committee Event

AUTUMN LUNCH

Devonshire Place

78 London Road, Leicester LE2 0RA

Saturday 14th October 2023

11.30am bar

open,

12.30pm

lunch



£30 (for two course lunch)

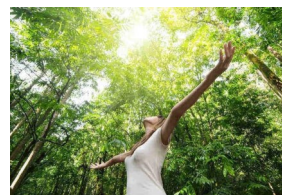
Guest speaker—Kath Ryan

Family and friends welcome

Organised by PA Committee

Science Question Time

Citizen Science and Nature Connectivity
A Talk by Dr Moya Burns



Wednesday 1st November

7.30pm-9:30pm

At WI House £8 per person

Barkby & Beeby 75th Anniversary Celebration Tea

Barkby & Beeby WI welcomed County Chairman Glenice Wignall, members & guests to their 75th Anniversary Celebration Tea. There were 11 former presidents present. Excited voices could be heard as memories flowed and friends reunited reminiscing about times past. From the balloons to the wonderful food and refreshing Pimm's everyone agreed it was a special afternoon. Our beautiful scrapbooks and WI cloth which are a reflection of our WI past and present were displayed along with our anniversary certificates.



Finance and House Management Committee

The Eastbourne holiday balance is due in October. Details of the holiday and luggage labels will be posted to Individuals before Christmas. At the moment, the holiday is full and we have a waiting list. A reminder for the payment will come to you in September. Thanks all.

Around the Counties

Broughton Astley

An unsettled weather forecast put an end to our plans to hold our summer party in the lovely garden of our Secretary, Bev, so we relocated to our village hall where we kept dry and didn't get blown away by the strong winds. We were disappointed but we all still enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea provided by the committee with a glass of fizz or a fruit mocktail. There was lots of chat as always and a "What am I?" quiz prepared by Tracey caused more laughs. The afternoon was completed with three raffle prizes and we all agreed that it was another successful social event.



A small group took part in a petanque evening organised by Ullesthorpe WI and a team represented our WI at the Federation quiz at Huncote, not winning but enjoying the evening. Fifteen members went to the Flower & Garden Show at Belvoir Castle and enjoyed the day despite having to dodge heavy showers and avoid a flying gazebo which took out a refreshment kiosk. The plants were beautiful and tempting and the cookery and floral demonstrations in the main tent were interesting. David Domoney's entertaining talk on the benefit of house plants and how to look after them gave some useful tips.



Around the Counties

Botcheston

Thursday 22 June saw 24 members and guests visit Tutbury Castle in Staffordshire - this I believe is a hidden gem and well worth a visit.

It was home to John of Gaunt and Mary Queen of Scots was held there on four occasions. What is left of the castle are the remains after it was destroyed by Act of Parliament in 1647-48 due to the part it played in the Civil War on the side of Charles I.

The curator of the castle - Lesley Smith - was our speaker for the afternoon. After a stroll around the grounds and afternoon tea for lunch, Lesley became the

2nd wife of Henry VIII - Anne Boleyn - giving an insight into her life (and death) which was enjoyed by all. After the talk we were shown some of the costumes that Lesley wears for some of her other characters (Nell Gwynn and Mary Queen of Scots to name just 2).



Thurnby & Bushby

In July Thurnby and Bushby WI held a Strawberry Tea in the Village Hall. We raised £358 for Leicester Charity Link who provide essential items for local people in hardship or crisis.



Our members baked scones and cakes and the Thurnby Coop kindly donated cream, butter and strawberries.

Instead of our July meeting we visited Evington Bowls Club where some of our members were taught how to play bowls by members of the ladies team at the club. This was followed by tea and biscuits in the club house.



Wing

In May we had a most interesting talk from Root and Branch Out Community Interest Company who have become active in our area over recent years, being involved in such projects as the Community Fridge, Forest Schools, and Therapeutic Gardening amongst others, with the emphasis on connecting with nature and the environment. They were joined by representatives from Peppers, another organisation in Rutland which provides a safe place for those with mental health issues to meet and take part in various activities. The two groups work closely together for the well-being of the local community.

On a very hot day in June a group of members enjoyed a visit to Barnsdale Gardens. The gardens were lovely, but after a walk round we were grateful to find some shade to sit and enjoy well-earned tea and cakes.

Also in June, at the Rutland County Show, Wing WI entered a pot in the "Community Pots" class in the Horticultural Tent, organised this year by Root and Branch Out. Local groups in Rutland were invited to enter a "colourful, bright and blooming potted garden".

One of our members, Carole Rowbottom, took up the challenge so successfully that the bee-friendly pot she designed took a well-deserved first prize. Carole's concept reflected the activities of the WI in ideas connected with the planting, such as nemesis 'rhubarb and custard' for our catering skills, and the whole pot reflected the black and yellow of bees, as did Carole's toning outfit. She did Wing WI proud.



Great Bowden



We welcomed the return of Roxanne Dinsdale with a fascinating talk on Dancing with Snakes and Fire. Unfortunately she did not bring her snake. After rescuing her five and a half foot non venomous python from a pet shop, where it was near to death, her father, a cabaret performer himself, encouraged her to perform dances with the snake. She has travelled all over the country even though there have been many hilarious escapades, including the snake escaping, later to be found in her neighbours airing cupboard and an ambulance being called.

Then came the fire eating. Again, coerced by her father, she was taught fire eating. Using Swann lighter fuel, she soaked fibreglass string to form a wad around the top of a long rod. This was ignited and she took the flame into her mouth making sure she closed her mouth immediately which deprived the flame of oxygen and no harm was done. This has to be done very carefully or disaster can strike.

A good evening was had by all. Roxanne is an amusing and entertaining speaker

Around the Counties

Leire

Earlier in the season, we spent a lovely evening at The University of Leicester Botanic Garden, which is distinct from most gardens as they engage in scientific research and education. There are 16 acres of gardens displaying a wide range of plants, landscape features and listed buildings and is considered the most diverse garden in the East Midlands. The Greenhouses were closed for the evening, however we were able to enjoy many other areas including the Water and Sunken Gardens flanked by pillars and with beautiful roses, the Herbaceous Border, Medicinal and Herb Garden and lawns ponds and woodland areas. The Alliums were stunning. Our guide was knowledgeable and passionate about the history and working practices at the garden. We then enjoyed tea and cakes in one of the characterful houses.



At our recent meeting, we welcomed Angela Dewes who gave a talk titled "From fleece to finish" Angela is a sheep farmer and fibre artist and explained the processes of caring for her sheep through to completing lovely items spun from their wool. Previously wool has been devalued in our society but is now being favoured for environment and sustainability reasons. Angela talked about the care of the sheep and the importance of keeping them free from stress.

After they have been sheared, the fleeces are sorted and trimmed and stored in potato sacks, they are then washed and dyed with either natural or synthetic dyes. Angela then demonstrated spinning the yarn on a drop spindle and also on her mechanical wheel. We were able to handle wool fibres from the different pedigrees of sheep which ranged from being soft to coarse and Angela displayed some of the finished skeins and beautiful products she had created. In keeping with this theme, our competition was a picture of a sheep which was won by Lynette.



Kegworth

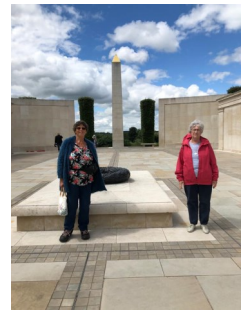
An interesting and enjoyable afternoon was had by all when we visited Alma Farm near Melton Mowbray. The tour and talk was fun as well as informative, who knew that producing milk for cheese was so complicated? The afternoon tea was delicious as was the cheese tasting! We highly recommend this tour and if your WI cannot get 20 members for a trip there is a WI day on September 7th.



Anstey

Our activities were outdoors in July, and the weather was disappointing. A trip to the National Arboretum, accompanied by family and friends, was declared very enjoyable, despite the weather. A guided tour on the land train proved most interesting and informative, and helped participants to decide where to spend their free time later.

The annual garden party had to be moved indoors for the first time as far as any of us could remember. A wonderful spread of cakes and nibbles was served, so much that there was a quantity left over at the end. Tea, coffee, Pimms and soft drinks added to the party atmosphere, as did lively conversation. Towards the end of the afternoon, the sun did come out, and we were able to go outdoors after all. Our thanks go to member June Roe and her daughter for hosting the event in June's house and garden. A good time was had by all. Thanks are also due to Councillor Deborah Taylor for finding time in her busy schedule to attend.



Whissendine

The speaker for our June meeting was Mike Lister with a very interesting talk about playing cards. When he asked how many of us had a pack of cards in our house everyone put their hand up. We learned that they originated in China in the ninth century and were tall and thin with patterns on each side. They gradually made their way west reaching the USA after a hundred years. On their journey the diamonds, hearts, clubs and spades came from France but it was America that gave us rounded corners, identifying numbers and double ended Jack, King and Queen.

Other fascinating facts; the earliest complete set of cards in existence is from the 15th century and is in a museum in New York. In 1461 the government decided to ban the playing of cards except for Christmas Day, this lasted just a year, and cards were taxed, this wasn't abolished until 1960!

The competition table this month was the letter 'E' and there were a couple of elephants and a few eggs including an ostrich egg, but Margaret Glenn won with her two Emoji night lights. I failed miserably as usual with my five Euro note, why is it that it is only when I get home that I find lots of more interesting things around the house that I could have taken?

Oh well, I've got enough time to start thinking of something beginning with N!



Around the Counties

Ashby Castle

In July We hosted "Afternoon Tea in the Garden" for Members and Friends. It was to be held in the garden of Rosemary Heyes but due to the rainy, windy weather had to be moved indoors. This did not deter the ladies from having a lovely afternoon with lots of chatting and catching up.

During a break in the showers some Ladies enjoyed a walk round the garden.



It was a pleasure to have our County Chairman Glenice Wignall with us, and Gail Wooliscroft who is a Member of our Federation Board of Trustees.

Thank You to those who attended and helped to raise some funds for our WI.

Swepestone, Newton and Snarestone

This months meeting was a pudding night where we all brought a pudding for us all to try it was very hard to decide which of the puddings you wanted as they all looked delicious and very unhealthy but we all managed one or two or even more in some cases!



Nailstone

Thought we'd share our success at the Ashby Show. We got a first, second and third place in the Co-operative Competitions with our James Bond themed Handcraft & Cookery, Festival themed Cookery and My Front Room themed Handcraft. Hilary got a hat-trick with 1st, 2nd & 3rd for her cheese scones, set recipe Victoria Sponge and Jam Tarts. Kathy's strawberry jam came out top. Alison got a third place for her Single Stem Sunflower.

Nailstone WI Ashby Show



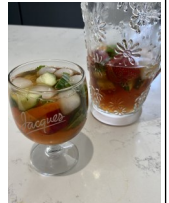
Hinckley Canalside



We had a lovely meeting with guest speaker, Alan Gray MBE, retired Wimbledon tennis umpire. Alan gave a very informative talk about the highs and lows of Wimbledon and what actually goes on behind the scenes of this magnificent sporting institution. He gave us an insight into his role as an umpire with some funny stories and quotes from his time working there. He explained the workings of Wimbledon and the costs involved - from the strawberries and cream to the 300 officials' Ralph Lauren Uniform. He told us about the prize money given to the winners and all the runners up. It was a truly fascinating talk.

Alan enlightened us on the history of tennis and the Wimbledon tennis club, the workings of the automatic covers on centre court and court one. He was very amusing in his jokes and anecdotes about tennis, the players and Wimbledon. He had got to know many famous players over the years including Andy Murray, Boris Becker and Serena Williams.

To round the evening off, and continuing with the 'Wimbledon tennis theme', we had Pimm's and Lemonade with Strawberries and Cream, which everybody seemed to enjoy.



At our July meeting we enjoyed a speaker with a difference - Isobel Glover-Evans sharing her experiences from her time spent studying, working, and living in Japan.



We learned that Japanese culture combines old traditions with the very new in technology. One of the most obvious social conventions is the bow: everyone bows when you say hello,

goodbye, thank you or sorry. There is no tipping in Japanese restaurants and other places we might expect to tip: staff will always give the very best service they can. Isobel recalled an uncomfortable moment on discovering that - whilst being naked in a public place might feel a little strange to those from Western countries - bathing nude in communal baths is a normal activity in Japanese culture.

Traditionally, Japanese men were the breadwinners, but this is changing. Isobel spoke very highly of her host family who taught her so much - including being able to leave personal possessions in public places without fear of them being stolen. As a Western woman, Isobel felt that she may have been treated a little differently and with more caution.

Isobel introduced us to the basics of the language and told us that she found it an easier language to learn than French because, for example, there are no distinctions between genders or between singular and plural. We had fun as she taught us how to pronounce some everyday greetings. On that note, I will say *Ohayou gozaimasu.* (Goodbye)!

Around the Counties

Glenfield

Sadly, the speaker we had booked for this meeting cancelled for personal reasons, but we hope to re-invite her next year.

It was decided that we would use this unexpectedly free afternoon to update members on some business issues that had previously only been discussed within the Committee. A very useful question and answer session followed and then we all enjoyed a welcome cup of tea.

During our social time, members were able to indicate their interest in a variety of suggested future outings and pre-loved books and puzzles were, as usual, on sale.

This was our last meeting at Park House, as from August we will be returning to St Peter's Church Hall. Future meetings will be held there at 2pm on the second Wednesday of each month.

Hinckley Hollycroft



Carolyn Boulter kept members at Hollycroft busy – and quiet! - making stuffed fabric owls from the kits she provided, complete with an already threaded needle. Warnings were issued

not to undo the perfectly proportioned bags of rice which fitted snugly into the body of the owl. Even those with limited sewing skills managed to make a very cute owl. Kits were available to buy for absent members, along with Carolyn's delightful assortment of crafts.

Blackfordby

For our July meeting we welcomed WI members from Smisby, Appleby Magna, Ashby Castle and Ashby Spa WIs .



Our speaker was Karen Gimson from the National Garden Scheme who gave us a fascinating insight into the reasons the National Garden Scheme was formed.

Our craft group went to Blue Rose Crafts in Burton to dabble with powertex. Although we all started with similar wooden mushrooms, the difference in everyone's work was quite astonishing. It was a very interesting three hours where we all learnt a new skill and came home with something to put in the garden.



Ashby Castle

Last year Gail Wooliscroft amazed Our Members with her culinary skills by producing 4 "Decadent Desserts" in 45 minutes. Our Members asked for Gail to be included in our 2023 programme. So once again in July Gail came to demonstrate how to produce 4 Delicious Dips in 45 minutes. What a tasty treat for all the Members. Gail is already booked for 2024!

Coleorton

July's meeting saw a fascinating speaker talking about a subject obviously a lifelong passion, Mary Quant. We learnt about her origins and early life, her education at Goldsmiths, her long marriage to Alexander and those iconic designs which made her famous.

The speaker has an extensive collection of Mary Quant items and bought a good selection for us to look at. There were several of her items loaned to the recent exhibition at the V&A. Mary Quant continues to inspire fashion even today and sadly recently died at the age of 93.

Coleorton welcomed visitors from Swannington and Thringstone, a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.



Breedon on the Hill

We had the pleasure of Peter join us from Greenwood Days at Staunton Harold to introduce us to willow weaving and to teach us all how to make a willow fish.

Peter was friendly and informative, describing and discussing the process of harvesting, preparing and using the willow as we went along and we all produced something (varying species!) The talk is highly recommended for an event, if you haven't already heard it.



Cossington

In June Gareth Howell was welcomed as guest speaker to discuss Medicine in Medieval times. We tend to think of the medical practices we know today as being relatively modern but members soon learnt that much of it is based on theories dating back to the medieval era.

In July we enjoyed a very entertaining and informative meeting with an animated Richard Warren of Leicester City Walks giving us an illustrated talk about Thomas Cook.

He bought 26 Granby Street in Leicester as the family home and started to organise not just religious trips but ones designed to show the country to many people.

The business grew to be world-wide with offices in Cairo, Cape town, and New York.

He died following a stroke on 19th July 1892 aged 84.

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On all Committees we need at least 1 member representative to bring the views of the WIs and their area. Do contact fedsec@lrfwi.org

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