



SULHAMSTEAD & UFTON WI NEWSLETTER July 2014

Next Meeting:

This is on Wednesday 16 July at 7.30 pm.

The Speaker - Catherine Sampson – Georgian Cookery.

The competition - A Poem for Prince George.

Coffee will be produced by Simone Larche and Wendy England.

There will be the regular trading stalls and book exchange - please bring any garden produce, eggs, preserves, handmade items or unwanted books.

Groups:

Walking Group - the next walk will take place on Thursday 17 July at 2:00pm. Meet in the free car park near the Thames in Pangbourne - the one at the end of Thames Ave. A five mile walk to Tidmarsh, Sulham, Purley and back along the towpath.

Book Group - The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 23 July at 2.30pm at Rosemary Sanders Rose's house. We are each reading a book of our choice and will talk about it at the meeting. Sheila has also obtained copies of A Week in December by Sebastian Faulks which we will read and discuss as well. Contact Margaret (9831306) or Sheila Price (983 2058) for further details.

Our WI:

Our Archive files - do ask one of the committee if you would like to take them home to have time to read them. It is fascinating to see what has happened over more than 60 years. We would also like to remind members to keep photos or any material relating to our members and activities so that we can keep the archive up to date.

The RBH A&E department is still very grateful for the hospital packs so we shall continue to assemble these. Thanks go to Mary Hancock who is the coordinator for this

Recycling - remember that various members can recycle jam jars, egg boxes, milk bottle tops and balls of wool. Also any items of unwanted jewellery, broken or not. Please bring them along to the meeting.

Berkshire News Events:

There will be two Heirloom Craft Coffee Mornings at WI House on Friday 4 July or Saturday 5 July from 10am to 12.30pm when all the items made by Berkshire WI's for the 'Tomorrow's Heirlooms' competition will be on display. Tea, coffee and cake will be available.

The Swallowfield Show will be held on Sunday 24 and Monday 25 August at Swallowfield. Gates open at 9.00am Ticket prices are: Adults £7, Concessions £4 and Children £1. If you are able to help at the Show, please contact Wendy England on 0118 941 3668.

A talk entitled "The Importance of the Sea" by Dr Denise Smythe-Wright will be held at Woolhampton Village Hall on Monday 22 September 2014 at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £8.50. Please apply to Mrs Mavis Greenhalgh, tel: 01635 522276.

The next Speakers' Selection Meeting will take place on Friday 17 October at 2.30 in Woolhampton Village Hall. Tickets cost £5 each to include tea and coffee. Please let Claire Hazelwood know if you would like to attend by Monday 29 September.

A date for your diary is Thursday 30 October when there will be a talk about Antarctica. More details to follow soon.

There will be boards for the following events:

The Police College Open Day on Saturday 2 August. Please let us know what help you are prepared to give ie cake baking, etc. and whether you will be available to help on the day.

We have now agreed Tuesday 16 September as the date for the trip to the new visitor centre at Stonehenge.

Michael Portillo at the Hexagon on Thursday 16 October.

Other Events:

An invitation to Thatcham WI's meeting on Thursday 14 August at 7.30. The guest speaker, Edward Dixon, will be talking about Women of the Home Front in the Great War. Please let us know if you would like to attend.

Thatcham WI hare having a Barn Dance in aid of Thames Valley Air Ambulance at 7.30pm on Saturday 13 September in the Catholic Hall in Thatcham. Tickets are £15 to include a band called "Also Known As" and a fish and chip supper. Please bring your own drinks. For further information and to buy tickets, call 01635 848671.

Berkshire Competition and Challenge:

The competition for the Stella Austin Trophy is to be for a soft cushion to hold the Centenary Baton. The fee is £6 and the closing date is Friday 14 November 2014. An application form and schedule will be with your WI Secretary.

The Chairman's Challenge has been set for each WI to make a pennant that can be joined together with pennants from other WI's in order to make bunting for Berkshire Federation to use at events throughout the county. The pennant should have our WI name on it, be decorated and be sent to WI House by the closing date of 16 January 2015. Janet Bacon has the full details and a diagram.

Bits n Bobs:

There are a number of interesting articles for you to read in the Berkshire News regarding ACWW, NFWI and BFWI.

Look forward to seeing you.

