

What's On

The newsletter of the South Street WI

July 2016

Letter from the President

Dear Fellow Members,

It is difficult to think of something to say in this monthly letter that will interest you all, but this month I just couldn't resist using some of Littlejohns quotes from a national newspaper on the recent annual WI conference in Brighton.

He starts with a statement very close to home for me with...."My application to join the Women's Institute was declined some time ago on the grounds that I'm the wrong sex. But I live in hope.

Sadly, there are those who don't share my enthusiasm for this fine British Institution. So I suppose it was inevitable that the diversity extremists would eventually get round to the WI".....

As you know in honour of the Queen's 90th birthday the conference decided to stage a last night at the Proms celebration 4,500 members sang traditional songs including Land of Hope and Glory and Rule Britannia, and here I quote again...

With depressing predictability, a handful of younger women decided these tunes were "inappropriate" - that catch-all, weasel word employed by the terminally priggish and easily offended to censor anything they don't like.

To accuse the WI of racism is absurd. It has always been open to all women regardless of race, religion or political beliefs."...he continues that the Ladies of the WI are made of sterner stuff and will not allow it to be turned into a 'safe place' for the so called sisterhood.

He finishes with that if they feel they need to become more inclusive he can always pop his application back in the post.

Here is my problem, as of course he will be closely followed by John Osborne who will have forgotten that he will then be in competition with fitter younger etc. I rest my case.

My best wishes to you all,

Ingrid Osborne – President

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Door Hostesses:

Jean Bingham, Sylvia Cooke

Tea Rota

July – Linda Bermudez-Miller, Jane Askew, Pat Dole

September – Pauline Knight, Lesley Dale, Angela Baker.

Please could you **arrive at 1pm in order to set up**. Please let me know in advance if you will not be able to help. Thank you. (Pat Hudgell 280262)

Committee Meeting

The next South Street WI Committee Meeting is **Weds. 7th September** at **9.30am**. Any WI member is welcome to attend, but please call a committee member to make arrangements, as we meet in members' homes where space may be limited.

August Tea

We have no speaker in August, but our traditional English Tea is **10th August, 2.00pm**. It will be special as always with a raffle, flower arrangement demonstrations, and wonderful cakes. Tickets are £5 and today is the last opportunity to purchase them. Tickets will NOT be available at the door.

Shutterbugs

We shall be going to Hythe on **Tuesday 26 July**. The exact time and place in Hythe is to be determined. If you are interested, please call Linda Swift or Jane Hakes. This month's photographic theme is "Water". Attendees are encouraged to bring prints to share.

September Meeting

We have no speaker for September but *there IS a program!* The competition is any object which you have made yourself.

Craft and Home Economics Guild

This month the meeting will be held at St Johns Church Hall, Swalecliffe at **2.15pm** on **19th July 2016**. The speaker will be local author Lesley Cookman who many of you will know from her books and long association with the Lindley Players.

We will be going for a Cream Tea on the **16th August**. Unfortunately, this event is ticket only. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. (*Sue Larkins*)

Calendar (*hint: clip this calendar and keep it with your diary*)

July

- 19th Craft and Home Economics Guild
- 21st Walk with Jenny

August

- 1st Walk with Jenny
- 10th WI Tea

September

- 7th WI Committee Meeting
- 14th WI Monthly Meeting

Outings

Brick Lane Music Hall

For our show and Christmas lunch, **Friday 2nd December**, the remaining cost of £60 is being collected at this our July meeting when numbers must be finalised. (*Linda Swift*)

Ongoing Activities/News

Darts: played in The Monument Pub every **Monday** from 11am to 1pm approximately.

Local Walks: Our next walk will be on **Thursday 21st July**, meeting at All Saints Hall at 10'oclock. We will take the bus to Canterbury to walk along the river to Chartham weather permitting. Please contact Jenny Taylor if you wish to join us.

We will also meet on **Monday 1st August** for our normal local walk. (*Jenny Taylor 264720*)

Reminders

All Saints Hall: Please remember to put your chair back against the wall after the meeting.

Newsletter Items: The deadline for items to include in the "What's On" newsletter is **5pm on the Thursday** before the monthly meeting. We would like to add news from your WI group (gardens, book club, French club, drama, etc.). Even if you are fully subscribed, our members still like to know what's happening.

There will be no newsletter for August. If there is any late news, we will post it on our blog:

<http://southstreetwi.blogspot.co.uk>

Members' List: If you have changed your address, phone number or email address in the last year, or added an email address, please let us know so that we can update the records. Thanks (*Jane Hakes 280196 or janehakes@gmail.com*)

September Birthdays

Warren, Sheila	01
Wickham, Phyllis	01
Gilbert, Lucy	06
Oldfield, Betty	06
Henthorne, Kathleen	07
May, Gwen	07
Joyce, Margaret	09
Hakes, Jane	12
Piper, Josephine	18
Varley, Beryl	18
Clough, Helen	19
Dunaway, Betty	20
Lyons, Jenny	20
Hudgell, Patricia	22
Golding, Joyce	24
Butcher, Judith	27
Hollands, Patricia	28

Please let Jane Hakes know if there are any errors