



Middlesex News

April 2015

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1915 FOR 100 YEARS 2015

NFWI Annual Meeting Live from the Albert Hall At Cine World Air Park Way, Leisure West, Feltham, Middlesex TW13 7LX

Thursday 4th June 10am – 5pm
Tickets £10.00

Come and celebrate 100 years of WI with members from around Middlesex at this live broadcast of the NFWI Annual Meeting from the Albert Hall.

Tea and Coffee will be available and there are plenty of eating places in close proximity.

This will be a special occasion giving members the opportunities to socialise and be part of this memorable day. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Please apply for tickets from your WI Secretary or the Federation Secretary.

Many local eating places, parking free for four hours but can be extended, for trains and buses go to www.cineworld.co.uk/Feltham

MEMBERSHIP

Membership welcomed new Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers to three events held over three days in February and March. WI Advisers Carol Sullivan, Liz Morrell, Sarah Endersby, Sarah Wilson, Gerry Attias Yvette Rathbone and Eileen Sibley advised the attendees of the best practices for WI Officers.

The President, the lynchpin and leader whose principle responsibilities are to be familiar with the WI Constitution and rules, co-ordinate encourage and represent the WI. The President works closely with the Secretary whose responsibilities are to ensure the smooth conduct of WI business, organise and co-ordinate, handle and acknowledge correspondence and keep all members informed. The Treasurer has the responsibility for proper and efficient handling of your WI's money.

We have received many nice comments about the workshops including how helpful they have been in answering questions. If any member is unsure of Resolutions, Group Meetings, ACWW, Annual meetings or have any questions about the WI, a WI Adviser can be contacted via County Office.



Craft Booking Details: To save space on the events list, I have noted booking details for Dabble Days and Workshops below all of which are held at County Office:

Dabble Days are 10.30-4.00pm and the fee is payable on the day - **booking essential**.

Workshops are as priced and payable in advance by cheque to secure your place (Cheques will be cashed when confirmation of event is taking place). Bank transfer can be arranged, please ask Lorraine for details. All bookings to go to

mfwicountycraft@gmail.com or lorraineareed@gmail.com

or 01895 676105 or call/text 07976 398533

UPCOMING EVENTS

(See separate note on dabble day info)

Saturday March 28 2015

Wet Felting Dabble Day

Cost - £10.00

March 30 2015

MFWI Annual Council Meeting
Winston Churchill Hall, Ruislip
(See your Secretary for ticket details)

April 2 2015

Craft Dabble Day – Suffolk Puff Toy
/Yo Yo's - cost £5.00

Saturday April 11 2015

Craft Dabble Day Fabric Book Cover
cost £15.00

Saturday April 18 2015

'Funny Guys' by Geoff Bowden
CANCELLED

May 12 2015

The Centenary Baton Handover from
Hertfordshire Federation

May 14 2015

Hayes & Uxbridge Group Meeting
14:00 Hayes & Harlington Community
Hall. Tickets available via your
Secretary

May 14 2015

Craft Dabble Day – Braiding & Ribbon
Flowers (tbc)
Cost £5.00

May 18 2015

The Centenary Baton Handover to
Surrey Federation

May 28 2015

West Middlesex Group Meeting
19:30 Ickenham Village Hall. Tickets
available via your Secretary

June 4 2015

National AGM at Albert Hall
10:30 – 17:00 (see your Secretary for details)
Also a live showing at
Cineworld, Feltham

Saturday June 13 2015

Craft Dabble Day – Silk Painting for
Beginners - cost £7.00

June 21 2015 - pm

Mikron Theatre - performing
Raising Agents (play about a WI) in
Perivale Woods – details via your
Secretary

Saturday June 27 2015

POSTPONED – Beading for Beginners

September 13 2015

A week of Craft Exhibition & Demos
Cow Byre, Manor Farm, Ruislip

Contact details

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www.facebook.com/groups/388213284632558/

Please keep your articles and photos coming in and if you have any ideas of what you would like to see in your newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Magazine Deadlines

To get into the next issue in May, please make sure your copy gets to the Editor Email address or in any format to Lorraine Reed before the deadline date of

Friday 20th March 2015.

Please note that articles received after this date will unlikely be included due to production time and printing deadlines.

The cost of the newsletter for 2015 is 75p per printed copy, please speak to your Secretary for details. Every WI is sent an email version to pass onto their members at no charge.

Emailed copies are free of charge and available through your Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS TOTAL

Next 100 Years - 2,324

Plant a Tree for the Future - 5,017

Public Access Defibrillators - 13,391

Failing to Care - 31,760

Cutting Back on Food Waste - 8,879

Ending FGM - 15,183

Curbing Use of Antibiotics - 9,548

Total - 86,102

Total number of selections submitted in previous years:

2010 - 54,128

2011 - 32,440

2012 - 80,069

2013 - 59,666

2014 - 77,071

200+ CLUB WINNERS

1 st	No 67	£24.00	A Percival, Grange Park WI
2 nd	No 13	£16.00	Norwood Green WI
3 rd	No 172	£12.00	M Harrington, Manor Farm WI

(Please speak to your WI Treasurer for more information on the 200 plus club which is available annually in October each year.)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR APRIL

Ealing Oak Tree WI – 2004

De Beauvoir WI – 2014

Sunbury on Thames WI – 1980

East End WI - 2007

Middlesex Federation of WIs Annual Council Meeting

Winston Churchill Theatre

Pinn Way, Ruislip

HA4 7QL

Monday 30th March 2015 10.45 – 3.30pm

Speaker: *Ann Stamper NFWI Archivist and the Metropolitan Police*

Afternoon: Middlesex Federations entries to the Lady Denman Cup 'What my WI means to me'

Shoreditch Sisters, Sunbury on Thames and Stanwell WI
plus a display of Centenary Baton Competition entries.

Geoffrey Strum Tenor performing popular show songs and tenor arias

TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH YOUR WI SECRETARY

'A CUP OF COFFEE WITH' ARTICLES NEEDED

Please let us have some 'cup of coffee' with articles for future issues as we have run out!!!!

Details of Q&A format
available from

lorraineareed@gmail.com

DIGITAL STORYTELLING IS COMING YOUR WAY!

Please keep a record of meetings with both script and photography in readiness for a new project for the Centenary Year. More details to follow where we will end up with a competition either at Federation level or National level. Watch this space.....

MEMBERSHIP OPENS A NEW WI by Liz Morrell

We are pleased to announce that 1X WI has just celebrated its First Birthday. (Named after address)

In 2013 Julia Killick - Governor of HMP/YOI Holloway contacted NFWI with a view to starting a WI within the Prison. On Saturday November 30th, a launch meeting was held in the Chapel, sixty Prisoners met Janice Langley NFWI Chair and Julia Roberts NFWI Chair of Membership along with Vivien Beckett Chair of MFWI and heading a team of invited members from the following WIs - Gothic Valley, Harlington, Shoreditch Sisters, Stroud Green and West Drayton.

Currently the WI has 30 members and meetings have included creative writing workshop, card making, jewellery making, T shirt and bag designing, and inspiring speakers Peter Barrett, James Erwin, and Vicki Pepperdine with Joanna Scanlan and a class on building your self-esteem.

Like most WIs they have had speakers cancel at short notice, so they watched a clip from 'Made in Dagenham' followed by a discussion, and also held a getting to know you session.

The WI officers are members of Staff working within the resettlement team and other areas of the prison. Some WI members are part of the Peer Support team.

It has been a privilege to meet the members of 1X WI and we wish them well for 2015. Liz Morrell 21st Feb 2015

TREASURERS CORNER by Susan Whitworth

By now all of you should have collected in the subscriptions of your members and sent off a cheque or transferred to MFWI all the Fees due. Can I remind you that there is now a pro rata subscription fee for all new members joining in 2015 with a similarly pro rata contribution being made to MFWI and NFWI. This can be seen from the table below.

Date of joining	Total Subscription	WI share / (Dual Sub)	MFWI Share	NFWI share
1 Jan 15-31 March	£36	£17	£8	£11
1 April 15-30 June 15	£27	£12.75	£6	£8.25
1 July 15-30 Sept 15	£18	£8.50	£4	£5.50
1 Oct 15 – 31 Dec 15	£9	£4.25	£2	£2.75

This means that at the end of June you will need to send MFWI £14.25 per new member; at the end of September £9.50 per new member is due and at the end of December £4.75 per new member. If you have any queries about this then please contact me. I am available at treasurer.mfwi@gmail.com or on 01932 784937 or 07887648542

CENTENARY BATON COMING TO MIDDLESEX by Sarah Endersby Tuesday 12th May – Monday 18th May 2015

On Tuesday 12th May at 14:00 the centenary Baton will be handed over from Hertfordshire Federation to Middlesex Federation during an afternoon tea being held at Hadley Court Golf Club. Liz Morrell, Lorraine Reed and Brenda Granshaw will accept the Baton on behalf of Middlesex.

The Baton will then be taken to the HA:WI meeting in the Pinner Arms. The speaker will be Jane Robinson, author of the book about the WI "A Force to be reckoned with".

We have numerous events planned for the week; however there is still an opportunity for your WI to get involved with this historic event. Can you host an event on, Thursday 14th May in the morning, or Sunday 17th May? Please contact County Office on 01895 440161 or email office@mfwi.co.uk

The events arranged so far, more details on how you can take part will be in next month's Middlesex News.

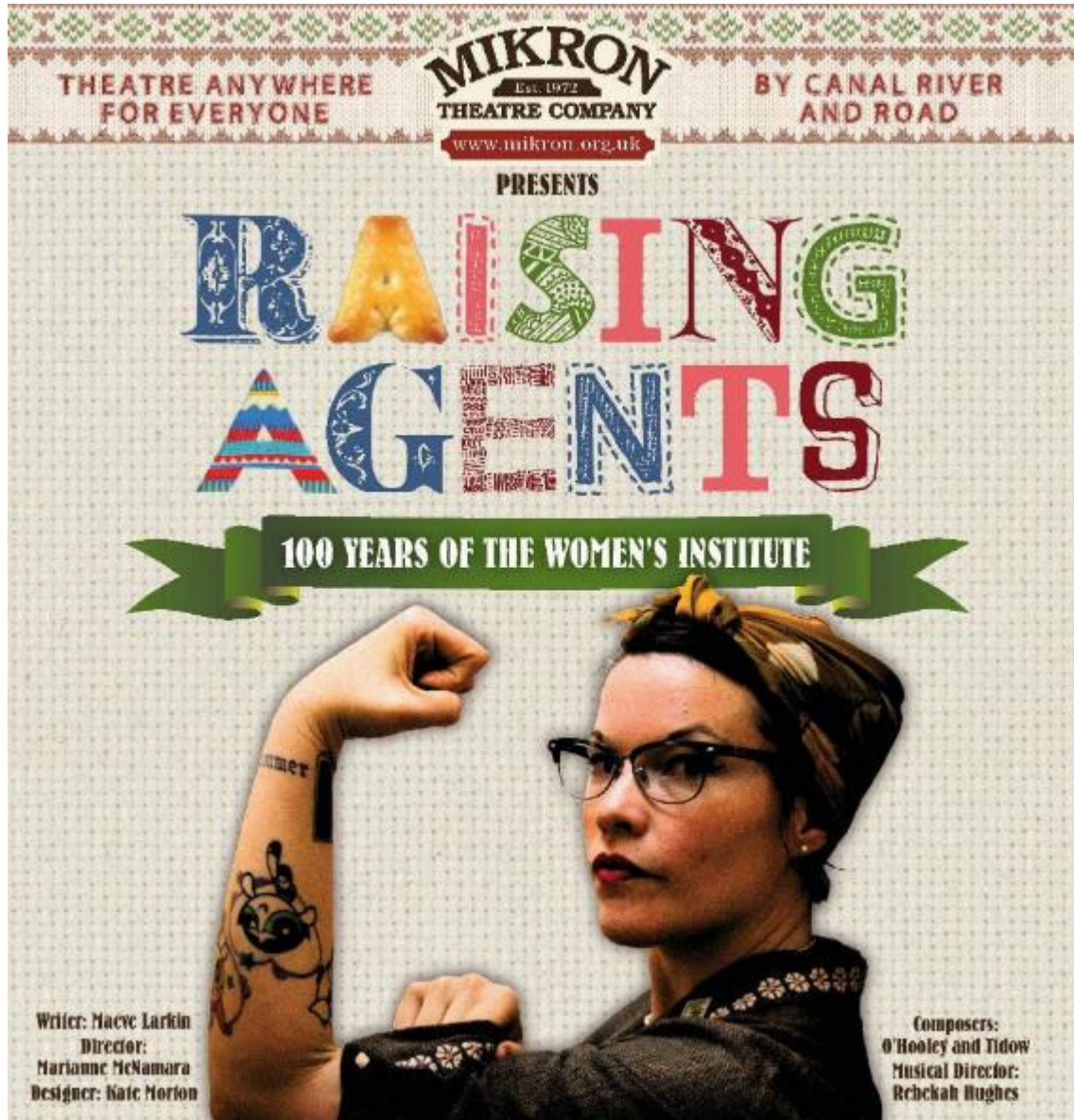
- Wednesday 13th May – A walk is being planned around Alexandra Palace (open to all) and, the Baton will also be at Finchley WI Annual meeting in the evening
- Thursday 14th May – Baton will be at Hayes and Uxbridge Group meeting, being held at Hayes Community Centre from 14:00 – 16:00 Ticket available from West Drayton WI
- Friday 15th May – Coffee morning at County office with the Board of Trustees and the Membership Committee from 10:30 – 12:30. In the afternoon Sunbury on Thames and Halliford WI are hosting an afternoon tea at the Orangery, Squires Garden Centre, Upper Halliford from 14:00 – 16:00.
- Saturday 16th May – Come and join us at Westminster Bridge 11am for a walk to include Middlesex Guildhall, Downing Street, Horse Guards Parade, Trafalgar Square, Pall Mall and Buckingham Palace. St James's Park.
- Monday 18th May – N1:WI members are walking the Thames path and will be at Staines Bridge 9am and walk the tow path to Walton Bridge to include Laleham and Shepperton. Members are welcome to walk alongside Louise and Anna to Walton Bridge (or part of the way) and are also invited to bring a picnic to the Middlesex side of the River Thames to cheer the Baton onwards from Walton Bridge to Kingston from 12:00-13:00.

Finally the handover from Middlesex Federation to Surrey Federation will take place on a River Cruise from Walton Bridge to Teddington Lock. Every WI in Middlesex will have already received the invitation for one of their members to join in with this event.

SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 2015
MIKRON THEATRE – RAISING AGENTS

The play is called 'Raising Agents'. More details about the play and a trailer can be seen here:
<http://mikron.org.uk/shows.php?details=raising-agents>

The performance will start at 1pm. Middlesex WI are co-hosting the event with the Selborne Society.
This is an outdoor event and we ask the audience to bring their own chairs, blankets and picnics.
Payment is on the day after the theatre company have performed



<http://mikron.org.uk/tour-dates-detail?show=2015-06-21-perivale-wood-local-nature-reserve&s=raising-agents&d=2015-06>

COME AND JOIN US!

Ashford WI by Cathy Hay

“Blessed are the Cheesemakers”, was the subject of our speaker John Pearson at our meeting on February 4th and he gave us an insight into the marketing strategies used by the large food outlets – with M&S in particular. An eye-opener of an evening full of laughter with a cheese-tasting competition as its finale.

Having recently condensed the necessary business side of our meetings to the bare minimum we are able to enjoy the lighter side of the WI and always welcome new members so if you would like to join us, we meet at 7.15 for 7.30pm in St. Matthews Church Hall, Ashford. We look forward to seeing you at our line dancing in March or at our April meeting when the talk will be on Japan.

SUNBURY ON THAMES by Bobbie Goodman

There was a real buzz about our February meeting on 2 counts. Firstly we were being filmed by a group of pupils from Waldegrave School in Twickenham who, accompanied by a teacher, were making a film for a project about the role of women and were interested in the history and future of the WI and its centenary. Amazingly we were also celebrating the 100th birthday of member Kate Elliott who is so sprightly she is like the WI itself in commemorating her centenary. We have also had 90th and 80th birthdays this year and this may make us sound rather 'Jam, Jerusalem and Geriatric' but our lively and growing membership is due to our being an afternoon group with plenty of parking. Kate's birthday was marked by a super cake made by Lynda Jones and consumed by all to the strains of Happy Birthday sung with gusto.

Lynda was also thanked for holding a coffee morning at her home in February and thanks were received from Halliford Nursing Home for a donation made as the result of a ploughman's lunch held at Susan Whitworth's home in January. Six new members were welcomed, including Jules Hall and her mother. Finally we were lucky to enjoy a talk by Sgt Stuart Jenkins of the elite 'Marine Policing Unit' or river police who are responsible for all that happens on and below the waters of the Thames and canals in the heart of London 24/7. Sixty officers carry this great responsibility, 10 of whom are divers. Some of their work is heart rending, and some is dangerous as they are accountable for security, crime and counter terrorism. They work closely with other organisations like RNLI, Fire Brigades, Search and Rescue Helicopters and local authorities. All officers are highly trained and experienced in police work before they can be selected as river police.



Kate Elliott cutting her Cake



Kate with fellow members



GREENFORD WI by Trish Quinlan

Unfortunately, we start on a sad note and have to report the death of one of our 10 years plus members, dear Flo McAllister. Many members were in attendance at her funeral on 21st January at Breakspear Crematorium to offer their respects to her family. She will be dearly missed by both us and the Salvation Army to whom she gave so much of her time over the years.

December 2014 we didn't have a speaker as it was our party time: lots of good food donated by the girls, followed by anecdotes and a small quiz. The Committee then took the liberty of performing a couple of sketches: *Coffee shops 'now and then'* (as small variety was available, ordering was very basic) and now ordering is a complex business, not only with the choice of beverages but in the method of payment - all too mind boggling. *Uncle Tom Cobley and All* - dressed in rural outfits, seven of us recreated the journey upon one poor horse to Widecombe Fair, complete with song. *The Men from the Ministry* - two members suitably dressed in pinstripes and bowler hats offering an extreme 'PC' take on what was Snow White - rendering it unrecognisable.

January 2015 we had our usual Games Evening following Christmas with members bringing along the games of their choice for a nice social evening.

CLAY HILL by Lynn Brana

Clay Hill have started the year with two very different meetings. In January members enjoyed the variety of music they had picked for our own Desert Island Discs. The sleepy lagoon music got us into the mood as each 'islander' told us the reason for their choice. We had music ranging from the First World War up to the swinging 60s and we enjoyed singing along. It was a good meeting and everyone enjoyed it. We had favourite Christmas Cards as our competition and there was a good selection. In February we 'went back' to 1912 when Stephen Jennings came to talk to us about the Titanic. Stephen also had a collection of memorabilia connected to the ship which was interesting to see. We noted the huge difference in ticket price for the doomed journey from the most expensive - where passengers had suites at the 'top' of the ship to the poor souls who were towards the bottom of the ship which meant they had even less chance of escaping the disaster than other passengers on board. To tie in with the talk our competition was for something nautical - and, again, members provided a range of items. We are going to celebrate Easter a bit early for our next meeting when everyone has been asked to bring in a hand painted/decorate hardboiled egg - we wait to see the results!



Another fab recycling idea – old ladles as plant holders!

HAYES WI by Gill Wildman

Wednesday 28th January saw me meeting up with our 'Ladies who do Lunch' after a few days back in Blighty from a month in sunny and hot Oz! A pint of Guinness went down well after all the travelling and the food very good as always at The Botwell Inn.



Our February meeting brought us Val Austen to speak about her "Life on the Boards" for which she donates her fee to the Leprosy charity (which stands at the moment to over a £1000). At 2.5 years old she was a very shy girl and knock kneed, her mother took her to ballet classes, which was the start of her career. Her first dance being a butterfly, she found she could hide behind the character and forget her shyness. In the 1940's when fabric was cheap, her mother would make her outfits and her father made the props. Val joined choirs and learned how to throw her voice and read poetry for which she has gold medals! She also joined an amateur dramatics group and entertained us with many of her stories. Joyce volunteered to help explain about expressions and "upstaging" another actor. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon topped off with tea & pancakes – yummy.

HARRINGAY & TOTTENHAM WI

By Lulu Robbani

At our February meeting, we collected for Solace Women's Aid, a leading charity that manages women's refuges across London. They provide safe accommodation and support for women and children affected by domestic and sexual violence.

Our members brought in donations of women's clothes, children's clothes, toys, games and books. Other very useful and necessary items included toiletries, toothpaste, toothbrushes and shampoo. A very big thank you, to everyone who contributed towards the collection. We will continue to arrange further donations in 2015.



STANWELL WI by Dianne Butler **Quiz Night**

On Saturday 7th February Stanwell WI hosted the Annual Quiz Night at the Village Hall. The proceeds are for the baskets in the village for Spelthorne in Bloom. There were 78 participants and our excellent Quiz Master – Carrie, kept everyone in order (well just about!). We had a fish and chip supper and a wonderful raffle. A very fun evening was enjoyed by all.



SUNBURY VILLAGE WI by Ellie Bradley

In late January, over a light buffet and entertainment from Wraggle Taggle, a Ceiliah band, we celebrated our 3rd birthday. With new members joining us each month there was a large gathering to marvel at the fabulous creations that had been entered in to the preserves, craft and cake competitions. Our talented members had produced an array of savoury and sweet jams, and a plethora of crafts from exquisite jumpers and hats to beautiful bags and teddy bears. Traditional cakes sat alongside the more adventuresome butternut squash and parsnip cakes. All delighted our taste buds. Flowers and sashes were awarded to the winners and the applause that followed showed how much their skill and efforts were appreciated. A happy celebration was enjoyed by all.



PINNER WI Outing by Toni Lewis

On Wednesday 25th February a group from Pinner WI visited Linley Sambourne House, 18 Stafford Terrace and enjoyed an excellent tour of the house. Once the home of Edward

Linley Sambourne, who was a Punch cartoonist, and his family it is remarkably well preserved complete with original contents and interior decoration. The house is a hidden gem only 4 minutes walk from High St. Kensington Station.

PINNER WI by Mary Peach

“They’re changing more than the Guard at Buckingham Palace” was the intriguing title of the talk given by Dr Barry Twigg, MBE to the members at our February meeting. Dr Twigg is a voluntary worker at the Palace where he takes part in activities and has a good insight into all its many departments. He explained how the palace functions and the role of the monarchy in these modern times. There is an increasing need for a bigger venue due to the large number of people now visiting events at the Palace. Already Windsor Castle is being used as an alternative and is more convenient than London with all its traffic problems.

FIELD END WI by Edna Watts

Everyone enjoyed our 77th Birthday meeting. We had a beautiful birthday cake, lots of delicious food and the Apollo Male Voice Choir to entertain us – they were fantastic. It was a really happy afternoon. Our thanks to Pauline Simons and Renee Chick who organised it all.

We were delighted to be at our annual meeting to welcome Carol Sullivan who took us through the voting. Our committee remains the same and Edna Watts has been voted in again as President. We had a ‘dutch auction’ which was brilliant and everything in the auction was sold. We have had some sadness this year but on the whole we have had a good year.

HAMPTON WI by Lesley McGrath

As you can see, this month we made Pom poms! Kit showed us how to make them, very stylish they all looked too! In a modern vase they would be a very fashionable decoration for a room-very suitable for Valentine’s Day. Such a quick & simple technique & we all had a good laugh too-the more chatting & fun the better at Hampton WI! Thank you for sharing yet another crafty idea with us, Kit. Earlier in the month some of us were pleased to represent our WI at a meeting where the future of our village community was discussed prior to Richmond Council developing our Village Plan. Everybody had a chance to present their thoughts & ideas to our local Councillors, so they know what kind of a community we want to live in. We were also invited to a local home for the elderly to a Bird Afternoon. We met a beautiful Barn Owl called Lily & had very lively talks about the work of the RSPB in London & tips on identifying birds which actually make sense & are useable! They also provided refreshments with the yummiest cakes!



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TWICKENHAM WI by Eleanor Thomas

On a chilly February evening Pieter Murpurgo came to talk to us about Bushy Park, our local Royal Park and the 2nd largest of the eight. Its origins go back to Saxon times and the medieval field system is still visible. It was first recorded as a royal hunting ground in 1604. Charles 1st diverted the Longford River that flows through the park into the grounds of Hampton Court. During the Great War allotments were dug in one area and in WWII an American base employing 3,000 was established near the Teddington Gate. More recently the former Water Gardens have been restored and the statue of Diana repaired and gilded. She now shines brightly in the sunshine. Chestnut Sunday is still celebrated, Queen Mary used to enjoy seeing the trees in their splendour, the tradition continues with a parade. Many of our members are regular visitors to this lovely open space.

SOUTHBOURNE WI by Anne Calderwood

This year our carol singing at Uxbridge Tube Station raised £257.10.

The money raised has been donated to the Acorn Youth Club. A club for young people with learning difficulties. In appreciation of our donation they have invited us to visit their club and we are looking forward to meeting them.



CRAFTY CORNER



Made by Jean Lintott from Stanwell WI

Middlesex Federation Craft Club (MFCC)

Thanks to all who have donated craft items and materials to the Middlesex Craft Club, all items are much appreciated and if cannot be used by ourselves for any reason, with permission from the donor, we do pass items on to a good home.

MFCC Dabble Day – Quilling and Serviette Folding – very different and lots of fun too.



Hayes and Harlington Group meeting

Thursday 14th May 2015 2pm
Hayes and Harlington Community Centre
Albert Road,
Hayes UB3 4HR

Guest Speaker Mrs Jennipher Marshall–Jenkinson a self-proclaimed microwave evangelist will be demonstrating her healthy meals using a microwave.

The Iberian folk dance will be coming along to demonstrate Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American folk dancers.

Plus your chance to get to see the NFWI centenary baton, and the cushions entered for the Middlesex Cushion Competition, meet up with old friends; meet new friends from the WIs in your area.

Publications sales table and refreshments

Tickets £4.00 from your secretary or contact West Drayton WI Secretary Mrs Bethan Carter Tel: 01895 420007

Email Elizabeth.morrell@hotmail.co.uk.

West Middlesex Group meeting

24th May 2015 7.30pm
Ickenham Village Hall
33 Swakeleys Road, Ickenham, UB10 8DG
Details to be confirmed