

RADSTOCK WI NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2025

NOTICES

From the President

Summer has officially arrived since 1st June. I am rounding up my holiday in France and looking forward to coming home to get our garden 'summer ready'. I hope there will be some bedding plants left in the garden centres as we will be late planting these this year.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our meeting and June events.

Marion

New Bank Account

We have a new bank account, the details of which are on page 5 of this newsletter. Please use this account for all payments (if you forget, the old account is being kept open for a while so we will still receive your money!).

Summer Events

Please see the events section below for information on the summer garden party, lunch at the Elm Tree and the Henley boat trip.

Summer Social

Join us for an evening of music and dancing to the sounds of the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's with DJ Lin at Trinity Church on August 14th. Tickets are £7 to include refreshments, please bring a dish for the bring and share supper.

NFWI Raffle Tickets

These will be available to purchase at the June and July meetings at a cost of £1 per ticket.

1st prize: £10,000

2nd prize: a cruise for two to Spain, Morocco & Canaries

3rd prize: KitchenAid Hand mixer and blender

Sales Table

The sales table will be at the June meeting for members to bring along any items they wish to sell. We ask for a minimum of a 10% donation from the value of your sales to go towards our fundraising for the Christmas Social.

Tea and Coffee Helpers

Thank you in advance to Ann McKie and Devi Sabaratnam who will be serving refreshments this month.

Birthday Wishes

June Birthday wishes to Ann McNamara, Diana Jones, Eileen Fulbrook, Lynda Brannelly, Molly Finch and Myra Finch.

Future Fund-Raising Suggestions

The committee have thought of some possible fund-raising events including Bingo, a race night, coffee mornings and an auction of promises. If you have any ideas, please put them in the suggestions box at the meeting.

WI Lottery

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week, a weekly draw takes place every Saturday night. Match all 6 numbers and you win the JACKPOT of £25,000.

For each ticket purchased via our supporters' page Radstock WI receives 40p, we have earnt £45.20 so far.

The link to the Radstock WI lottery page is

<https://www.thewilottery.co.uk/support/radstock>

May Events

VE Day



RAF Bunker, Uxbridge



EVENTS			
June			
Wed 11th		Wokingham Theatre, Love from a Stranger 7.45pm (full)	Agatha Christie's Love from a Stranger is a remarkably contemporary thriller about a lottery winner seeking adventure with a new love, brought up to date to 2025. Meet at the theatre for a 7.45pm start, tickets will be handed out on the night.
Thurs 12 th		Members Meeting 7.30pm	We welcome Mike Payne speaking about the 'History of Pinewood Studios'. Competition theme: Roses, bring a bloom from your garden and 20p to vote for your favourite.
Wed 18 th		New Members' Coffee Morning 10.30am Salvation Army Coffee Hub	We invite all members who have been with us for less than a year to come to a coffee morning to get to know each other. Invites have been sent out; we look forward to seeing you.
Mon 23 rd		Summer Garden Party 2pm (B)	Lynda Brannelly has kindly offered to host this year's garden party in her garden in Earley. Tickets cost £5 to include tea, and cake. Please sign up on the board and pay by June 13 th . If it rains, we will email you by 10am on the day to cancel so check your email if the weather is inclement. Refunds will be issued, or you can choose to donate your money to WI funds. There is a board to sign up if you can make a cake or scones.
Tues 24 th		Busy Hands 10am	Salvation Army Coffee Hub. All welcome.
July			
Thurs 10 th		Members Meeting 7.30pm	Cheryl Insley will be talking about Colour Analysis. Please feel free to bring a friend who may be interested in joining the WI. Competition theme: Summer holidays
Wed 16 th		Lunch at the Elm Tree Pub, Beech Hill 12.30pm (B)	Sign up on the board if you would like to come along. www.theelmtreebeechhill.co.uk
Tues 22 nd		Wokingham Theatre, Much Ado About Nothing 7.45pm	Shakespeare's classic comedy in a new production set in 1940s Britain. If you have signed up, payment of £16 is due by the June meeting.
Tues 29 th		Busy Hands 10am	Salvation Army Coffee Hub. All welcome.
August			
Thurs 14 th		Summer Social Music and Dancing 7.30pm, Trinity Church (B)	Join us for an evening of music and dancing led by DJ Lin. Featuring music from the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's with a bring and share supper. Tickets are £7 to include drinks, bumper raffle £1 per ticket.
Tues 26 th		Busy Hands 10am	Salvation Army Coffee Hub. All welcome.
Thurs 28 th		Henley boat trip 2.30pm to 5pm (B)	A scenic boat trip along the river from Henley. The cost is £18.50 for 65+ or £22 for under 65's to be paid by the July meeting. Meet in Henley.

GROUPS	
	
<p>Book Clubs</p> <p>Morning Group runs on the 1st Thursday of the month at the Salvation Army Coffee Hub at 11am. Group co-ordinator Sue Lunn</p> <p>Afternoon Group Group members should contact Isobel Breheny for any queries. This group is currently full.</p> <p>Evening Group Group members should contact Ann McNamara for any queries. This group is currently full.</p>	<p>Busy Hands</p> <p>Informal coffee morning to meet up, socialise and make new friends. Bring along your knitting/crochet/sewing or just yourself!</p> <p>Meets at 10am on the last Tuesday of the month, at the Salvation Army Café, Chalfont Close, Lower Earley, RG6 5HZ (car access via Durand Road).</p>
<p>Craft & Chat</p> <p>This group is currently full.</p> <p>Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month at Maureen's.</p>	

DONATIONS	
If you would like to help any of the causes below, please bring along your items to our monthly meeting.	
<p>Royal Berkshire Hospital Knee Blankets</p> <p>Sue Lunn will be collecting donations of baby cardigans, knitted knee blankets (around 36 inch square), toys etc for the RBH. If a whole blanket is a challenge, Maureen is accepting 8 inch squares.</p>	<p>Raffle Prizes</p> <p>Any unwanted items for our members raffle would be much appreciated. Do you have any unwanted presents, bottles of wine, chocolates, etc that would make a suitable prize?</p>
<p>Fabrics and ribbons</p> <p>To use by the Sewing Bee group to make bereavement bags for the RBH.</p>	<p>Spectacles and contact lenses</p> <p>Please donate any old spectacles or lenses that you no longer need.</p>
<p>Books</p> <p>Please bring your unwanted books for our own fund raising. Books are sold at £1 for 3 with larger books priced individually.</p>	<p>Royal Berkshire Hospital Dressing with Dignity</p> <p>Donations of nightwear, t-shirts and casual wear for use at the hospital.</p>
<p>Comfort Packs for the RBH</p> <p>We are collecting combs, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, face cloths, sanitary towels and soap to make comfort packs.</p>	<p>Postage Stamps</p> <p>Bring your used stamps to help the RNIB.</p>

SPEAKERS*

Date	Speaker	Topic	Competition Theme
March 13 th	No speaker	AGM	
April 10 th	Dilip Amin	The Normandy Landings on D Day and beyond	Easter
May 8 th	Mariana Swann	Magical Bolivia – an introduction to a fascinating Latin American country	VE Day
June 12 th	Mike Payne	The History of Pinewood Studios	Roses
July 10 th	Cheryl Insley	Colour Analysis	Summer holidays
August 14 th		Summer Social Music and Dancing	No competition
Sept 11 th	Richard Anderson	The story of Edward VIII & Mrs Simpson	Flowers
October 9 th	Jim McLeod	History of the traditional toast master	Autumn
13 th Nov	Gillian Crane	The Mitford Sisters	Festive
Dec 11 th		Christmas Social with Ukulele band	No competition
Jan 8 th	Clare Goodall	Storyteller & Musician	White
Feb 12 th	Peter Tickler	Crime Writer	Love

*Programme subject to change.

REFRESHMENTS ROTA

If you are unable to do your session, please try to swap with someone else or contact the committee if that's not possible.

Month	Member 1	Member 2	Member 3
February	Steph Leary	Ruth Winch	
March	Elaine Brimmer	Melanie Brooks	
April	Mariana Swann	Alison Bright	
May	Ann McNamara	Lesley Buckle	
June	Ann McKie	Devi Sabaratnam	
July	Tricia Lloyd	Jayne Hammerton	
August	Summer Social		
September	Janet Whiteman	Laura Draper	
October	Rhona Djaelani	Steph Leary	
November	Val Brighenshaw	Maria Pittaway	Kathleen Rayner
December	Christmas Social Meeting		
January	Maureen Maddocks	Lynda Brannelly	
February	Nina Davis	Sheilah Walker	
March	Lynne Haley	Anne Mackenzie	

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Name	Role
Margaret Brain	Speakers
Judith Campbell	Raffle
Judith Carter	Birthday cards
Caroline Day	Treasurer and MCS membership
Tricia Chamberlain	Events co-ordinator
Brenda Evans	Bookstall
Karen Garrod	Newsletter
Marion Hodgson	President
Steph Leary	Refreshments
Sue Lunn	Donations co-ordinator
Ann McKie	Vice President
Jennie Walker	Secretary
Committee email address	radstockwi@berkshirewi.co.uk

USEFUL INFORMATION

On Arrival, please collect your badge from the badge table, register as attending and proceed into the hall.

Visitors will be wearing a badge identifying them as such. Please make them welcome.

Don't Forget: - A mug for your tea / coffee.

- Any donations of the items listed above.

- Cash for the raffle (50p a ticket) books and monthly competition (20p).

Payments

When you sign up to an event / activity you are making a commitment to attend. The numbers attending determine our costs. If you are unable to attend, even if it's free, then please ensure you contact the person responsible as soon as possible. If we have sent you a payment reminder and you haven't responded, you will be taken off the list of attendees. Please provide your mobile number when signing up so that we can contact you on the day if necessary.

Events where a fee has to be paid in advance, such as when coach travel or tickets have been booked, will require full payment or a deposit as appropriate. If you need to cancel you should find your own replacement as fees cannot be refunded. Events marked with a **(B)** denote that a board is available for sign-up at the members meeting.

To reduce our administration time, we would really appreciate it if payments were made by bank transfer. Please make separate payments for each activity. Bank details are:

Account Number: 35628360

Account Name: Radstock Womens Institute

Sort Code: 30-54-66

Reference: Surname,Initial,Trip

For those members without access to online banking, cheques made payable to 'Radstock Women's Institute' will be accepted. Please place in an envelope with your name, amount, and reason for payment on the back and post in the payments box at the meeting.