

RADSTOCK WI NEWSLETTER – JULY 2025

NOTICES

From the President

What a month that's been!

A lot going on and the weather has been wow, so hot. Didn't we have a fabulous afternoon at our June garden party. It was lovely to see everyone chilling and chatting. That's exactly the kind of afternoon that I joined the WI for. Fun and fellowship for all.

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 as we will be closing the old account soon.

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 (further details below).

NFWI Raffle Tickets

These will be available to purchase at the July meeting 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 July 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.

Foreign Coins for the RBH

Please bring along any unwanted foreign coins for the RBH Charities appeal.

Tea and Coffee Helpers

Thank you in advance to Tricia Lloyd and Jayne Hammerton who will be serving refreshments this month.

Birthday Wishes

July Birthday wishes to Val Briginshaw, Lesley Buckle, Judith Campbell, Sheila Griffiths, Wendy Pickersgill, Gwen Schroeder and Anita Stevens.

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.








The link to the Radstock WI lottery page is

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

June Events

Summer Garden Party



EVENTS		
July		
Thurs 10 th	Members Meeting 7.30pm	Cheryl Insley will be talking about Colour Analysis. You are welcome to bring a friend who may be interested in joining the WI. Competition theme: Summer holidays
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, meet in the theatre foyer for your ticket and a 7.45pm start.
Tues 29 th	 Busy Hands 10am	Salvation Army Coffee Hub. All welcome.
August		
Thurs 14 th	 Summer Social Music and Dancing 7.00pm, Trinity Church (B)	Join us for a fun evening of music and dancing (optional) 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 a welcome drink. Please sign up on the board to indicate what food you are bringing and pay by the July 17 th by BACS or at the members meeting by cheque. Feel free to bring additional drinks if you would like. We will have a 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.
September		
Tues 9 th	 Wokingham Theatre, Dead Guilty 7.45pm (B)	When John Haddrell dies at the wheel of his car, the woman at his side is not his wife Margaret, but his lover, Julia. Day-to-day life starts becoming unusual – but are events in this psychological thriller happening in Julia's mind, or is one of the people around her not as kindly, compassionate, or solicitous as they seem? Tickets cost £16 to be paid by the end of July.
Thurs 11 th	Members Meeting 7.30pm	Richard Anderson speaks about the story of Edward VIII & Mrs Simpson. Competition theme: Flowers
Mon 15 th	Visit to Englefield House Gardens and tea rooms (B) 10.30am	Meet at the entrance to the gardens for a leisurely stroll around the gardens followed by coffee/lunch in the tea rooms and a visit to the garden centre if you would like. Entrance to the gardens is £5 cash on the day or free for RHS members.
Tues 30 th	 Busy Hands 10am	Salvation Army Coffee Hub. All welcome.

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>Postage Stamps</p> <p>Bring your used stamps to help the RNIB.</p>

We are collecting combs, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, face cloths, sanitary towels and soap to make comfort packs.

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 Brigenshaw	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.