

The Harbour WI - Notes 2009

The Harbour WI April Meeting is on the **6th April** at the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club, 2nd Floor at 2.00 pm instead of the usual 2nd Monday which this month, is Easter Monday.

For further information, please contact the President, Freda Stalker on 01323 471798

Our March meeting was very busy and the order of things was in reverse. We had the Speaker, John Hacker from Wych Cross Nurseries, first. Not only did he give us lots of helpful information regarding the upkeep of our pots and gardens, he also brought along a display of lovely plants for us to look at and at the end of the talk, we were able to buy if required. The competition "A Flower Arrangement in an Eggcup" displays were beautiful. Our speaker, John Hacker, was introduced and thanked by Liz Beuzeval.

After the break for tea and biscuits our President, Freda Stalker, welcomed guests, visitors and members, (we now have 75 members). Apologies were given for those unable to attend.

The Secretary Sue Howcroft, read out the minutes of the last meeting and also read out lots of information and the invitations she had received for members to visit other WI Meetings.

February's Speakers were, Freda Stalker talking about "Dolls Houses and Miniatures Magic", Dorothy Padgham, a Denman College rep, and Eve Oliver, the East Sussex Rep of the Associated Country Women of the World. All three speakers were interesting, and were thanked by Liz. The Cookery Demonstration and Lunch at the Langham Hotel, was enjoyed very much by all and we look forward to attending another demonstration later in the year.

On the 26th March, ESFWI are holding their Annual Council Meeting at The Congress Theatre, Eastbourne. 10.30am – 3.45pm. At our 6th April meeting Wiltshire Farm Foods are presenting a 'Food Afternoon'. Numbers are limited and visitor places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. Prior booking is essential and we will be unable to admit you without a visitor reservation number, so please contact Liz Beuzeval on 01323 470519 by the 31st March 2009 at the latest.

The Craft Club had a very good meeting and discussion on Monday 16th March. They are planning to do Stone Painting, Flower Pot Painting and Card Making. If you are interested, please come along to our next meeting held at the Baptist Church Hall, Pevensey Bay, on Monday 20th April at 2.00 pm.

So, ladies if you are free on Monday 6th April do come along and join us at the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club, 2nd Floor, at 2.00pm. You will be most welcome.

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The Harbour WI

The Harbour branch of the WI meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club, 2nd Floor, at 2pm. If you are free, please come and join us, you will be most welcome.

The Craft Club meets at The Baptist Church Hall, Pevensey Bay, on the 3rd Monday of the month at 2pm.

For further information, please contact the President, Freda Stalker on 01323 471798.

Our April meeting was well attended and again it was in reverse order. Our 'Speaker' this month was Wiltshire Farm Foods, who gave us a superb presentation of their products and plenty of tasters for us to try. I especially liked the desserts. I overheard several ladies saying that they were thinking of giving up cooking, as Wiltshire Farm Foods were so much quicker and easier to prepare and serve. Liz Beuzeval in her vice president's hat introduced and thanked Kevin and his sister and brother for their team work for Wiltshire Farm Foods.

After the break for tea and biscuits, Liz, again in Vice president's hat, welcomed 15 guests, 10 visitors, 52 members and 3 new members, 80 in total. All had been greeted by Frances Harrap, our Membership secretary, at the entrance. Apologies for those unable to attend were given. It was a very busy time. I am so glad we didn't have to do the washing up. This month's Raffle did very well with Angela Coakley in charge, also the Bring and Buy stall looked after by Topsy Turner.

Because of the shortage of time, the Secretary, Sue Howcroft, didn't read out the minutes of our last meeting. They were placed on the table for anyone to read should they wish to. There was quite a bit of information to give out. Firstly, various invitations from other W.I.'s. to us, secondly on **Saturday 9th May 2009 - A CELEBRATION TEA** for 90 years of the W.I. jointly hosted by Langney WI, Sovereign WI and The Harbour WI. This is to be held at St. Barnabus Church, Kingfisher Drive, Langney, Tea and Cakes £2. All are welcome.

Our next meeting is on 11th May – an action packed meeting. Our Speaker is Pam Hunter talking about The Plight of the Busy Busy Honey Bee, followed by a discussion & vote on this years Resolution "SOS for Honey Bees". Afterwards, our past president, Heather Hyrapiet, will share some of her knowledge of The History of the W.I. This will be followed by a break for tea and biscuits. Then, some of our own members will entertain us with their own stories, "Arty Rubbish and Treading the Boards", "Boating – Life on the Ocean Waves", "Living Overseas" and "Life's Experiences"

Further outings planned are:

- **Thursday 18th June** - we are planning to go to Wych Cross Nurseries, early evening 6pm. for 7pm. We need a minimum of 20 persons.
- **Monday 6th July** - Michelham Priory. Price £10.

• **Tuesday 25th August** - day trip to Milestones, a living history museum at Basingstoke, Hampshire. Please have your payment of £22 with you at next month's meeting (preferably a cheque made out to The Harbour W.I. or the correct amount in cash).

• **Thursday 5th November** – cookery demonstration and lunch at the Langham Hotel.

The Craft Club also have various activities planned:

• **Mondays 18th May, 15th June and 20th July** - Card Making with Christine French.

• **Monday 17th Aug** - “Scrapbooking” (to be confirmed)

• **Monday 21st Sept** - Flower Arranging.

• **Mondays 19th October and 16th November** - Xmas Decorations.

From:

Pauline Hale
Sovereign Harbour North

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The Harbour W.I.

February, March and April's meetings were very well attended. Our President welcomed guests, visitors and members. Apologies were given for those unable to attend. The Secretary read out the minutes of the meetings and gave out information and invitations received for members to visit other local W.I meetings and events.

We have had very interesting Speakers who have talked about Dolls Houses, Denman College, Assoc Country Women of the World, Wych Cross Nurseries (plants for difficult places), Wiltshire Farm Foods (which everyone enjoyed) and the plight of the Busy Honey Bee. This year's W.I. "Resolution" is SOS for Honey Bee.

We had a cookery demonstration and lunch at the Langham Hotel.

There are several "Outings" being planned and there are 2 sets of 10 Pin Bowling ladies who meet up at the David Lloyd Lanes.

The W.I Craft section has various activities planned as well (card making, scrapbooking, flower arranging and creating Christmas decorations.)

The Harbour branch of the W.I. Meets on the 2nd Monday afternoon of the month at The Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club, . 2nd Floor, at 2 pm.

The Craft section meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at The Baptist Church Hall, Pevensey Bay, 1st floor at 2pm.

If you are free, do come and join us , you will be most welcome.

For further information, please contact ,The President, Freda Stalker on 01323 471798

From.
Pauline Hale,
Sovereign Harbour North,

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The Harbour W.I.

July's meeting was very well attended. We now have 86 members, which is unbelievable. Soon it will be "standing room only".

Our President, Freda Stalker, gave a warm welcome to all – guests, visitors and members.

Apologies were given for those unable to attend. Our Secretary, Sue Howcroft, read out the minutes of the last meeting, the invitations received from two W.I.'s inviting us to attend their parties and information regarding the 'SOS for Honey Bees' campaign. Our Treasurer, who was away last month, went home to count the takings.

Our Speaker this month was Diane Kenyon "A 60's Dior Model" who gave us a fascinating insight to those "Times" and famous named celebrities who were mentioned in the press of yesteryear. Diane was introduced and thanked by Liz Beuzeval . As usual our Bring and Buy and Raffle tables did very well.

The Michelham Priory Picnic was successful in spite of the early downpour of rain. The gardens are lovely. The Fashion Show and The Cavalcade were excellent. The music from the flute was beautiful, so restfull and our flower display was big and eye-catching, but unfortunately beginning to droop in the heat.

We have two new members who are taking on the job of arranging Outings for us. So watch this space. (Tea at Chalk Farm on the 26th August and Lunch at the Langham Hotel on the 5th November).

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO W.I. MEETING IN AUGUST.

Our next meeting is on the 21st September 2009 (the 3rd Monday instead of the usual 2nd Monday).

Our Speaker will be Ross Mercer-Gorringes, from Gorringes – Antiques and Fine Art Collectibles.

The 10 Pin Bowling Ladies next meeting / game is in September.

The Craft Club have a meeting on the 17th August. The September meeting has been changed to September 28th at the Baptist Church Hall , Pevensey Bay, starting at 2pm.

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From.

Pauline Hale,
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Sovereign Harbour North,
Eastbourne

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The Harbour WI

After the summer break our September meeting was well attended. Our President welcomed guests, visitors and members. We have now reached the magic number of . Apologies were given for those unable to attend. The minutes of the last meeting (July) were read out

Our Speaker this month was Ross Mercer from Gorringes, Bexhill, who gave us a very interesting and informative talk about "Antiques and Fine Art Collectables" He also brought with him items which were passed around, admired and discussed. I think most of us have watched shows like the "Antique Road Show", "Flog It" and "Cash in the Attic". We were very pleased to find out a little bit about the history and value of our own treasurers. Ross was welcomed and thanked by Liz Beuzeval.

After a fairly orderly tea time we continued with our normal meeting.

Our forthcoming events are

- 7th October. W.I. Quiz held at the George Hotel, Hailsham at 2.30pm.
- 12th October. W.I. Meeting. The Speaker will be Ray Spiller. Talking about "Down Memory Lane Hit Parade". The Competition will be "Picture Parade - Your favourite 60's Pop Star Photos."
- 21st October. Afternoon Tea at Pablo's at 2.30pm

Our November meeting is our "Annual Meeting" There are 3 vacant positions on the Committee, Secretary, Treasurer and Press Officer. The present ladies would like to step down after 2 years service and give others a chance to participate and bring and share new ideas with us.

The Harbour W.I.

The Harbour W.I. **Celebrated** its 2nd Birthday on the 12th October. We “Toasted” ourselves “**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**” with pink sparkling wine.

Our President, Freda Stalker, welcomed guests, visitors and members to our monthly meeting, which was very well attended. Our Secretary, Sue Howcroft, read out the minutes of the last meeting and gave us the upto date information which she had received from the W.I. Our Treasurer, Beryl Lloyd – Jones advised us of our present financial status.

Our speaker this month was Ray Spiller, talking about “Down Memory Lane – Hit Parade” We all had a good laugh at his jokes and choice of music, each of us remembering the 1950's, 60's, 70's and our own memories of that time. Ray was introduced and thanked by Freda.

Last Wednesday ,the 7th Oct ,we had an Afternoon Quiz and tea, which was great fun, at The George, Hailsham.

On Monday 19th Oct , the Craft Club is meeting at Pevensey Bay Baptist Church Hall at 2.00pm to make Xmas Decorations . All are welcome.

On Wednesday 21stOct, we have “Afternoon tea” at Pablos, Waterside, at 2.30 pm.

On Thursday 5th November we have a Cookery Demonstration and lunch at the Langham Hotel at 11.50 am for 12.00 noon.

Our next meeting on the 9th November, is our ANNUAL Meeting. There are 2 vacant positions on the committee.

The W.I. Renewal membership fee of £29.50 is due Jan 2010. (We can accept cheques in December if you are unable to attend the January meeting).

The Harbour W.I. meets every 2nd Monday at 2.00pm, 2nd floor of the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club. For further information , please contact the President , Freda Stalker on 471798.

THE HARBOUR W.I.

After two very successful outings, one to Pablos on the 21st October for Afternoon Tea and the other to the Langham Hotel on the 5th November for a Cookery Demonstration followed by a delicious Lunch, the Harbour W.I. got down to the serious business of holding an AGM on Monday the 9th November.

The meeting was very well attended, with 57 of the 87 members present, together with 14 visitors. All the vacant positions were filled and the President, Freda Stalker, was re-elected unanimously for another year.

The five ladies stepping down from their position on the Committee were presented with beautiful orchids by the President, as a thank you for their two year's service.

Following a tea break the ladies were treated to an excellent and very amusing speaker, Dallas Barnes-Hughes, advising them on 'Making the Most of Yourself'. Mrs. Barnes-Hughes has been a model and also a fashion adviser for Vogue magazine and had lots of helpful tips.

The Craft Club is meeting on Monday the 16th November at Pevensey Bay Baptist Church Hall at 2pm and the Ten Pin Bowling Team meets on Monday, 30th November at 10.30am at Lloyds Lanes.

There is also a Christmas Lunch arranged for the 1st December at the Lamb Inn at Wartling.

The Harbour W.I. meets every 2nd Monday of the month at 2pm in the Sovereign Suite of Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club. At the next meeting there will be a demonstration of Christmas Table Decorations by Pam Brittain.

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On Tuesday, 1st December, 40 ladies from The Harbour W.I. had Christmas Lunch at The Lamb Inn at Wartling. It was a lovely start to the festive season, with a delicious meal and plenty of 'Christmas Spirit'!

The monthly meeting on the 13th December carried on the Christmas celebrations with the ladies taking mince pies and sausage rolls to have with their tea instead of the usual biscuits. There was a demonstration by Pam Brittain showing how to brighten up your home with candles, a few flowers and lots of holly and foliage. She managed 6 stunning displays in very little time - and made it look so easy! Pam very kindly donated the arrangements to the raffle.

After thanking two resigning members of the committee who were not present at the last meeting and giving them a small token of thanks, the President, Freda Stalker introduced the very new Treasurers and Secretaries to address the ladies for the first time. There were 59 members present, 7 new members and one visitor. They were told about on-coming events and outings.

The Craft Club meets on the 18th January at Pevensey Bay Baptist Church Hall. A coach trip to Westfield Shopping Centre or other London venues is planned for the 19th January, and the Ten Pin Bowling team will meet at the end of the month.

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At the next meeting there will be a talk on '25 Years of Patchwork & Quilting' by Lorna Dakin. She will be bringing along some of her articles for sale.

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