

What's On

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The newsletter of the South Street WI

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Letter from the President

Dear Fellow Members,

I hope you are all enjoying the warmer weather we have had over the last few days and have not been indisposed because of the severe pollution and desert sand that has blown our way! I think much car and window cleaning is required!

Thanks to Doris Marley and Pat Morrell who held an afternoon tea for Link Group 6 on 28th March and I look forward to the coffee morning that Cathy Henthorne and Liz Russell are planning, for Link Group 7, on Friday 11th April. These informal gatherings are a great way to get to know other members who live near to you and I hope all of you will support those arranged for your Groups in due course. My thanks go to Jane Askew for her work in overseeing the Link Groups.

Next month we will be discussing the resolution which is to go to the 2014 Annual Meeting in Leeds. This concerns "Increasing Organ Donation" and there is an article in this month's WI Life, which I recommend you read before the May meeting.

Gillian Rowe – President
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Door Hostesses

Ingrid Osborne, Jean Bingham, Sylvia Cooke



Tea Rota

April – Dorothy Cumings, Kathy Walter,
Jane Askew

May – Carmel Whittington, Margaret
Barker, *Angela Barker*. The names in
italics indicate 'stand-in'.

Emergency Group Training Day

The WI Emergency Training Day has been arranged for **Saturday, 28 June** at the Boughton Under Blean Village Hall. It will begin at 10:00 (9:45am for 10am start) with free lunch and refreshments. Parking is free but limited. If you are interested in attending or would like more information about the Emergency Group, please contact Jane Hakes.

May Meeting

The May monthly meeting is 14th May. No speaker is scheduled as this will be a Resolutions Meeting. The competition for May is a miniature flower arrangement.

Craft Day

South Street is hosting a craft exhibition on **25th June**. Please check the boards and sign up if you would like to participate. Crafts can include things as diverse as knitting, card making, photography, or other activities that would fall loosely under the heading of "craft". We will also have cakes for sale and refreshments available.

Home Economics Club

The topic for **15 April** is "Of Molluscs and Me" by Helen Howard. Meetings start at **2.15pm** and are held at St. John's Church Centre, St. John's Road, Swalecliffe.

Outings

We are hoping to organise two City & Village Tours outings in London this summer:

- Eltham Palace followed by a short Thames cruise (probably in June)
- Royal London coach tour and visit to the Buckingham Palace State Apartments (probably in August).

Please register at the Outings table if you are interested in going on one or both.

South Street Online

As mentioned last month, South Street WI members now have a **website**, a **blog**, and our own **email address**. The Facebook page has been discontinued as it was felt that not enough members have Facebook accounts but the information will still be available in the website and blog.

The *website* has all the newsletters, news of past events and photos:

<http://www.southstreetwi.org.uk>

The *blog* has the latest information, news, and photos, including things that are not in the newsletter. You can also leave messages as "comments". The blog requires no password, etc. so you do not need an account to view it. You will find our blog here:

<http://southstreetwi.blogspot.com>

[Just for your information, at the time of this writing, the blog has had 123 page views in the month and a half since it went live. In just this month, these four days in April, we've had 22 views: 15 from the UK, 6 from the USA, and 1 from Germany!]

We also have our own email address:

info@southstreetwi.org.uk

Please have a look and let us know what you think.

Dates for Your Calendar

Please be sure to check the longer descriptions in this newsletter for details and contact information.

April

- 15th** Craft and Home Economics Guild
16th Group Meeting
24th Local Walk with Jenny

May

- 7th** Committee Meeting
14th Monthly Meeting, ASH, 2pm
20th Craft and Home Economics Guild

June

- 11th** Monthly Meeting, ASH, 2pm
15th Craft and Home Economics Guild
25th **South Street WI Craft Day**
28th Emergency Group Meeting

Ongoing Activities

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

Local Walks: Our next walk will be **Thursday 24th April**. Meet at 10am outside the All Saints Hall, weather permitting.
~ Jenny Taylor



Email Addresses: Thank you for providing your email addresses in last month's meeting. This will be an ongoing effort. There are slips available for registering your email address at the meetings.

Catering Assistant: Edna Parmiter is still looking for someone with catering experience or who is interested in cooking to carry on her good work. Please see Gill, Pat or Edna for more information.



April Birthdays

*Cooke, Sylvia
Neale, Margaret
Collett, Rita
Glanville, Diana
Turk Gwen
Reynolds, Avryl
Donald, Sheila
Dole, Gillian*