

Wednesday 19th December, 2016

Floral Artistry.



I think we were all impressed at the speed in which Sophie from Ivy Rose Florist skilfully crafted this lovely centre piece complete with candles at our last meeting. She made it look so simple! Members were given vouchers offering a discount on Sophie's Christmas wreath/ table decoration workshops. As a result, there will likely be some lovely festive displays in and around Brentwood.

We heard too from Natasha from Changing Pathways who spoke about how our donations help the families at the refuge.

All in all, it was a busy evening with a raffle for the floral display and also for a box of shortbread made by Fiona.

President's Pitch

Dear Belles!

We have a fabulous Christmas Party for you tonight with Emily Lynn who you will love. So enjoy the music, food and maybe a little boogie and definitely have a good ol' natter with your friends. The committee and I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and thank you for a truly fabulous year at TBBWI.

With much love, Jane. xxx

Tonight

It's Christmas!

Time to party with music by the Emily Lynn Trio

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Drinks provided

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Please bring a sharing plate

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Raffle - £1 a ticket

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Next Meeting

January, 18th

Don't miss

'My life at Bletchley Park'

by

Mary Kenyon

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February

Show the love 2017 (Climate change)

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March

Natural dyeing - use of natural products to dye yarn and fabric.

TBBWI Group Activities

For more information on any group please see the 'Belles and Beyond' page on our website

www.thebrentwoodbelleswi.co.uk speak to a committee member.

It's been another fabulous year at The Belles—be sure to renew.



Don't miss out, Ladies. Renewals close on 31st January. You can pay by BACs from 1st January. Subscriptions are £39.00 and should be paid by January 31st 2017. To secure your place, pay our Treasurer, Viv Shooter, at our January meeting by cheque (payable to TBBWI) or cash. Alternatively, pay by BACS to the following account: Account name: The Brentwood Belles WI Number: 51794957 Sort code: 40-13-22 Please ensure your name and the words "WI subs" are included in the reference details. See email for postal option.

Challenge Cup Competition

What a fantastic response to last month's challenge which was to create a miniature flower arrangement in a vessel no bigger than a teacup. Sophie, our guest from Ivy Rose Florists was very impressed with all the entries and finally awarded points as follows:-

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| 1st place | Jo Slawson |
| 2nd place | Jane Miles |
| 3rd place | Sylvie Gilsenham |

There is no challenge cup this month as it is our party but look out for details of the next competition in January.

Notices

Margaret will be **unable** to take any donations for the refuge in December so please keep a hold of them until our January meeting.



Please return any outstanding hard copies of our survey this evening. All surveys, both paper and online will be analysed and Jane will let you know the results next month.



Tickets are now on sale for the WI Fair on at Alexandra Palace from 29th March to 1st April. Tickets cost £12.50 with a reduction for groups.



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.