

Wednesday 15th July, 2015

Newsletter Issue 11

TONIGHT

Get in the party spirit with 50 years of number one hits!

Strut your stuff on the catwalk in our dress a decade fashion parade.

Book any trips.

Bring CDs for our Cd swap.

16th September

TBBWI

Centenary Quiz and Fizz Night

Wear a fabulous hat or fascinator tonight.

Challenge Cup points awarded for the most fantabulous hat.

Scarf swap.

There is no meeting in August—have a lovely summer.



VOUCHER CULTURE



Last month we enjoyed a talk from the enterprising Jordan Cox who explained all about voucher codes and special offers and encouraged us all to go 'wombling' at the supermarket! The haberdashery swap was a huge success and orders were placed for our fish and chip supper. Members entered repurposed objects for our Challenge Cup competition and these were judged by Jordan. Well done to all those creative members who took the trouble to enter. Unfortunately there could be only three winners but don't despair as plenty more different themed competitions are planned .

President's Pitch

Good Evening, Belles

Welcome to our fabulous Centenary Party with Number One Hits from the last 50 years. It's going to be a splendid celebration this evening especially as we'll have lovely fish andf chips to munch on! Take the time to have a look at the CD swap table as well and see what tickles your ear drums. And don't forget to sign up to some of our amazing trips at 9.30pm. In the meantime, enjoy the hits and I'll see you on the dance floor for a boogie.

Big WI Love, Jane xxx

TBBWI Group Activities

For more information on any group please speak to a committee member or email info@thebrentwoodbelles.co.uk

Joining a group is a great way to get to know members and if you can't see anything you are interested please think about starting up your own group - you don't need to be an expert - just a passion to share your hobby, sport or interest.

Book Group

We have been reading **The Girl on the Train** by Paula Hawkins and look forward to selecting a gripping read for the summer. Book group will meet again on 9th September. All welcome.

Heading Out With the Belles

The weather has been kind to us this year and we hope it will continue for our summer picnic. Walks are usually on the third Monday of the month but do check facebook for details. Look out for details of the Essex walk in Thorndon Park in September.

Craft Group

Craft group continues to thrive and we eagerly wait to see what Carol has planned for the next few months.

Sewing Bee

Sewing Bee is held on the last Wednesday of the month. Members work on various projects and are planning to support a charity by making dresses for Africa.

New this month....

Darts Team

Anyone interested should give their name to Liz Francis who is organising this.

Lunch Club

Beryl and Vena will have more details of selected venues tonight. Lunches will be on the fourth Tuesday each month and a £5 deposit is required tonight if you'd like a lunch in September.

The Brentwood Belles Centenary Party and Fashion Parade

A number of WIs have been posting photos of their centenary celebrations on social media and it would be fun to show off our Dress a Decade entries too. We are asking you to wear something that reflects a decade from the last 100 years. Please be as adventurous as you like but it can be as simple as:-

adding a long string of beads to a drop waist dress for the 1920s

A mini dress/ skirt for the 1960s Black and white Mary Quant inspired.

Long skirt or wide leg trousers with scarves and beads for the 1970s - think hippie - or rebellious punk spiky hair and ripped clothing.

Platform shoes -70s, padded shoulders & big hair - 80's

50's rock and roll or vintage dress

Bang up to date festival chic - dress or shorts and wellies.

The choices are endless so do join in the fun!

The Sadie Jones Challenge Cup

Points awarded last month for the best repurposed item:

3 points for 1st place - Fiona Cox

2 points for 2nd place - Sandra Mate

1 point for 3rd place - Margaret Webb

Well done, Ladies!





Out and about

the page for all social butterflies.

On 15th June, 24 Belles visited Little Myles garden in Stondon Massey. We were very lucky to have a dry evening to walk around the beautiful gardens, which cover 3 acres, and admire the planting and various statues Judy Cowan has made, ranging from a wire elephant to stone monkeys!

The gardens are amazing and include a beach and a jungle garden.

Judy gave us a talk about how the gardens evolved and after refreshments, gave us a talk about the cosmetics she makes from plants in her garden. We were given a chance to try them out too and to buy . We are all now eagerly awaiting the results, less wrinkles, thicker hair and to see how the marigold cream helps what Judy calls ' scraggly necks! '. The lucky winner of the raffle that Judy ran for us, in aid of St Francis Hospice was Sally.

It was a fun evening, a great start to the trips Carol and Marion are organising.

At the July meeting we are collecting the money for Barnard's Farm 16th July, the V&A Alexander McQueen exhibition "Savage Beauty" 25th July and The Cliffs Pavilion backstage tour and afternoon tea on 26th October.

We will continue to take names for the Agatha Christie play on 3rd November, if we have 20 or more people, we will get a discount!

On some trips we can get a concession on the price of the ticket, so please us know when you sign up for a trip. Age concessions are often available to those aged 60 or 65 , depending on the venue, and sometimes to students or those in receipt of certain benefits.

Marion and Carol.

OUT AND ABOUT TRIPS COMING UP

JULY

Thursday 16th	10.30am	Barnards Farm Gardens & Sculptures Guided tour of the gardens & explanation of the sculptures. Tea/ coffee & cake.	£9
Saturday 25th	2:15pm	Alexander McQueen - Savage Beauty Exhibition at Victoria & Albert Museum	£14.40

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 3rd	7.30pm	Ellen's Love open air about Ellen Willmot of Warley Place Cricket ground, Warley See Liz Francis for more details & tickets	£12.50 (Consc. £10)
Friday 4th			
Saturday 5th			

OCTOBER

Monday 26th	2pm	Backstage tour of The Cliffs Pavilion & Afternoon Tea	£11.95
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NOVEMBER

Tuesday 3rd	7.45pm	Agatha Christie play - A Murder is Announced Civic Theatre Chelmsford	£24 or less
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