

TONIGHT

Women in Islam

Canon Dr Anne Davison



Come along and hear Anne who is passionate about history and religions of the world.

Bake some biscuits for our 'biscuit bake off' competition.

Bring along one coffee table book and any quality magazines for our swap this month.

Bring your wrapped gift for the children of the refuge.

Book trips, pay balance for lunch club.

16th December

Christmas party

20th January

Fun and games!

TBBWI BULLETIN

WI FOR THE MODERN WOMAN

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... PAT LIGHTS A CANDLE FOR JAMES ...



Last month's speaker, James Sawyer, really engaged us with his illustrated talk about the work of World Animal Protection. He spoke of how he and his colleagues work to protect animals affected by disaster thereby helping the communities that rely on them. Tickets for the raffle were sold by Sue and Natasha in their onesies and raised £73.50 which we donated to this charity.

A key role of the WI is education so do come along with an open mind this month and hear all about women in Islam.

Congratulations to Liz's dart's team who won their first match. Go girls!

President's Pitch

Hello Lovely Belles,

A great evening last month with an excellent speaker, now to be followed up by another! You lucky ladies! We are delighted that we will be joined by the fascinating Canon Dr Ann Davison, whose background includes having organised a youth exchange programme with young Jews, Christians and Muslims in East London and Israel. Now she is a much sought after public speaker particularly about the role of Women in Islam. It will be an excellent evening enhanced no doubt by all your biscuit competition entries! Also, at the end of the evening, we will have an exciting announcement about 2 members shopping events we have arranged for you. So don't go nipping off early girls! See you there! Big WI Love, Jane xxx.

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.

Christmas Presents for the Refuge

Margaret is kindly organising the donation of Christmas gifts for children in the refuge again this year. If you have not 'selected' a child and would like to, then please contact her at membership@thebrentwoodbelleswi.co.uk and she will let you know specifically what is needed.

Alternatively, you might like to provide a gift for a child from the following list:-

Girls aged 1-5 yrs or 8-11 yrs
Boys aged 1-2 yrs, 5yrs and 10yrs

There are some older children in the refuge this Christmas and you might like to donate a voucher suitable for a teenage boy or girl.

There are usually emergencies at Christmas and needy families are known to the refuge so all donations are gratefully received.



Knit and Natter for Peace

Thank you to everyone who has knitted or crocheted squares to be made up for blankets for refugees. We have begun joining and are proud to have enough for at least three blankets. We plan to donate the finished work at a 'Knit for Peace' event to be held at The Barbican, London on Saturday 5th December. A few 'happy hookers' are going and anyone is welcome to join us. There will be knitting workshops on all day. More info on Knit for Peace facebook page or speak to Tricia tonight.

Last month's scarf swap raised £30.42 which will be donated



to 'Knit for Peace' and will help cover the cost of transporting blankets to Kurdistan.

Congratulations to Jo Slawson and Catherine Boulton winners of the raffle. Jo won a Body Shop basket and Catherine a bottle of prosecco.

Tripping with The Belles

If you are going to The Geffrye Museum on Thursday 10th December, meeting time is 10.45am at WH Smiths at Liverpool Street St.

We're planning to catch the 9.57am train from Brentwood if you'd like to travel as a group.

Eleven of us went to **The Cliffs Pavilion** in October. We had a very informative talk and were able to walk on the stage and see the changing rooms and loading bay. Afternoon tea in the restaurant overlooking the sea made a perfect end to the afternoon. We hope to arrange a trip to see something here next year, then we will have an idea of what's happening behind the scenes!

Some members recently visited **Hanningfield Smokehouse** where the process of smoking fish was explained. There were mouth-watering tasters and we completed our visit with some purchases. Another visit has been arranged for 23rd April. There are 12 places available so make sure you get your name down quickly if you are interested. Other lucky ladies enjoyed a trip to the **theatre** to see an Agatha Christie production or 'Beautiful' with **The West End Belles**. Some did both! We look forward to hearing their feedback.

The Sadie Jones Challenge Cup

Points awarded last month for the cutest pet photo:-

1st place, 3 points - Anne Greenwood

2nd place, 2points - Marion Tracey

3rd place, 1 point - Breda Bower

Dates for your Diary

Forthcoming Darts Matches

23rd November - Liz's Team

25th November - Jane's Team

Little Myles

Judy is holding her usual 10% discount off her herbal cosmetics on Wednesday 25th November from 7.30pm to 9pm and on Thursday 26th November from 9.30am to 3.30pm. A piece of her mince-meat streusel and a tea or coffee is very tempting too!