



The Shelfords WI

Our Newsletter

December 2016

Date of Next Meeting
Dec 1

ACTIVITY
Christmas party!

DOOR ROTA
Christine Martin & Gill Griggs

DIARY DATES
Fabricating Group
No meeting until January

NEXT MONTH'S SPEAKER
Lucy Barlow—Singing Fun!

OUR WEBSITE
www.theshelfordswi.wordpress.com

Birthdays!
We'd love to give a shout out to members for their birthdays. If you'd like to be included, please send your birthday date (year not necessary!) to Anna Sugden.



President's Report

Welcome to our December newsletter. The Advent season is about to start and, with that, the countdown to Christmas and the New Year. I hope many of you will be able to attend our Christmas Party, so that we can celebrate a fun 2016 and look forward to 2017. Even though it's a little early, Shirley and I, along with the rest of your committee would like to wish you and yours a happy and healthy festive season, and a wonderful 2017.

Committee for 2017

Although our AGM isn't until March, we would like to flag up that our committee will be short of several members next year. If you have some time to spare (honestly, not too much!) and would like to help run our WI, please let me or Shirley know. The more people we have, the smaller the workload for each person and it helps us to keep our lovely WI going.

Treasurer's Report

Our bank balance is £1868. We currently have 33 members and 1 dual member.

Please remember that you need to get your money into Carole well in advance of any WI trips or events, as she needs to submit them to the CFWI office in good time!

The Shelford Feast Disbursement

You may recall that we submitted a request to The Shelford Feast for funds to purchase printed lanyards for our members and a front of table banner. We are delighted to report that we were successful.

At a lovely evening on November 19, at the Memorial Hall, during which many organisations received support from The Shelford Feast, we were presented with a cheque for £500. It was lovely to have a number of our members present.



November Meeting

Our November speaker was Alan Grey MBE who gave a fascinating insight into his experiences as a Wimbledon umpire in an amusing talk entitled 'You Cannot be Serious!' Alan umpired seven Wimbledon finals and served as a line judge or umpire in 77 other Wimbledon tournament matches. He compared Wimbledon to hosting the football World Cup for 13 days every year.



During his long career as an umpire he came across a seven year-old Andy Murray, whose mother brought children from Scotland to tournaments in England in a minibus. He also described the problems of dealing with 'grunting' players and the embarrassment of being overruled by Hawkeye, which he predicted will eventually replace line judges altogether. Many questions followed and the talk was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.



The Shelfords WI Programme

January	Singing with Lucy Barlow—An evening of singing for fun; no need to be able to read music. Just come along and SING all together, relax and enjoy the evening
February	Honor Ridout — the Chair of the Cambridgeshire Association for Local History and a former City Tourist Officer. She is going to give a talk illustrated with slides on 'Cambridge as it was, a while ago'.
March	AGM and surprise entertainment!
April	Nicola Sly will be giving a talk on her alpacas

Regional events/Courses

Please make sure you send your money to Carole Lyne by **December 1st** or give it to her **at our meeting**. See leaflets on the Notice board for further details about these and other courses. Then sign up on the sheet in folder.

	Cost	Date
Family History, CFWI Office, Girton: Beginners and Next Step	£5 (non-members £6)	Beginners: Thurs 16th Feb—2:30pm Next Step: Mon 3rd Apr— 7:30pm
Visit to Coventry Cathedral	£N/A please check folder	Tues 31st Jan (times TBC)
Institute of Astronomy, Madingley Rise, Cambridge, Day visit (Members only)	£5	Thurs 2 Mar—1:30pm
Archery, Netherhall Sports Centre (Members Only)	£15	Sat 18 Mar—1-3pm
Rhyme, Rhythm and Readings, CFWI Office, Girton—incl glass of mulled wine and nibbles	£6	Fri 20 Jan—7:30pm

2016/7 Committee

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