



Wolston WI News – July 2016

Although you always hope it is not going to happen, sometimes a speaker unavoidably has to cancel, which happened at our July meeting but something good came from it. Our programme secretary Linda Rainey contacted a travel advisor who lives in the village and was prepared to give a talk although it was something she had never done before. Lucy Morgans was excellent and judging from the response to question time I think most members found her informative and interesting.

Lucy told us she has worked in the travel industry for 28 years and started with a well known company at that time called Pickfords which was before the days of the internet and when holidays were booked “over the counter”. She told us about her favourite places and hotels and the personal touches she can arrange e.g. a birthday cake.

She said one of her biggest challenges came when all air flights in the United Kingdom were cancelled because of the Icelandic air pollution. She had a client who had arranged to go to South America to do a tour and his motor bike had already been despatched. He could not wait until the flights started again so Lucy made arrangements for him to travel by ferry and other means to Portugal where flights were still operating and he arrived at his destination just 24 hours late. He was very grateful for the effort she had made.

Although she is an independent travel advisor she belongs to an association and can use them to help if she is having a problem. She does not make any charges as her expenses are covered by commission from the hotels, airlines etc.

We do not have a meeting in August but usually arrange to have an afternoon tea so members can meet informally and this year we met in Eileen Yates’ garden. The weather was kind to us and we had a dry sunny afternoon so with lots of tea and cakes and good company in lovely surroundings so what else could we wish for. Thank you Eileen and Gordon for sharing your garden with us for the afternoon.

At our next meeting, on 8th September, Merkel Acton will be giving a talk on the “Life of a Crown Judge” which I am sure will be interesting and I believe amusing. Why not come along as a visitor and, after seeing what the WI can offer, you might feel like becoming a member.

You may be reading this before the 9th September, and if so it means you still have time to enjoy the Musical Evening which is taking place on that date at St. Margaret’s Church at 7.30 p.m. There are posters giving full details around the village and tickets are available from the Church Office in the Baptist Chapel at a price of £5 and they can also of course be purchased at the door on the evening.

The event has been arranged to celebrate the fifth birthday of the formation of Village Voices and they will be joined by the acappella group “Tall Order” and also by soloists Billy Kyle and Dan Duveen. The proceeds from the evening will be split between Village Voices and the church floor fund.

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