

## Wolston WI News - June 2016

Our speaker this month was Rosaria Di Giovanni who told us she was introduced to cookery at an early age and had to stand on a stool to reach the saucepan; she said her grandmother also had a big influence on her culinary skills. Rosaria then demonstrated how to make one of her favourite recipes which was Caponata Siciliana. If you were passing the village hall that evening you might have been tempted to call in to investigate the delicious smell but you would have had to join a long queue as most members were keen to sample the Caponata.

Rosaria explained that the dish could be used as a snack, a starter and if more vegetables, meat or fish were added it could be a main course. She said that if she makes too much she puts it into a jar with a layer of olive oil on the surface and because some of the ingredients in the recipe can act as a preservative it will keep for a few years.

The group who meet for a craft afternoon at the Stock Pot, Ryton Gardens, were very impressed with the tea cosies they used and were told that they sell them for charity so the group decided they would knit some to support the charity. They were then offered the use of a marquee to hold a "knitting tea cosy day" and a number of members came at different times of the day. Members of the public who were visiting the gardens came in to see what was happening. Some events members are looking forward to shortly are: "Made in Dagenham" at Rugby Theatre; our annual Ascot Day; a supper club arranged for July; and we are also hoping to have an afternoon tea in August so as usual there is a lot going on.

Village Voices was formed five years ago and it was decided to hold a musical evening to celebrate which is being held at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, 9 September, 2016, at St. Margaret's Church when they will be part of the entertainment. Tickets are £5 and light refreshments are included.

The speaker we had scheduled for July has unfortunately had to cancel so at least Linda has had some notice to try and find a replacement speaker.

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