

CAWC INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB  
'CONNECTIONS'  
FEBRUARY 2022



**Upcoming February Dates**

**For more information about a specific activity, please contact the relevant Activity Leader. Contact details at the end of the newsletter.**

- 2** Golf, 10:30-11:15
- 3** **BOARD MEETING, 10:00-12:00**
- 4** **NEWCOMERS' COFFEE, 10:00-12:00. For more information please contact Dallia Beifus**
- 7** Tennis, 10:00-12:00
- 8** Let's Cook, 10:30-13:00  
Women of the Word (WoW), 11:00-13:00
- 9** Radnage Hike, 10:00-13:00  
Golf, 10:30-11:15
- 10** **GENERAL MEETING, 09:30-12:00**
- 11** Movie Madness, film tba, 12:00-15:00
- 14** Tennis, 10:00-12:00
- 15** Book Bunch, reading 'Harlem Shuffle' by Colson Whitehead, 12:00-15:00
- 17** Stitch and Chat, 12:30-15:00
- 18** Lunch Bunch, The Plough at Coleshill, 12:00-15:00
- 21** Tennis, 10:00-12:00
- 22** Women of the Word (WoW), 11:00-13:00
- 23** Golf, 10:30-11:15  
Bunco, 19:00-22:00
- 24** Hiking, Blenheim Palace, 10:00-13:30
- 28** Tennis, 10:00-12:00

**SAVE THE DATE:**

- 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY** Tea Party
- 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE** End of year celebration
- 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE** Ascot

## Useful Club links:

Website: <https://cawc.co.uk/>  
Instagram: [cawc\\_international](https://www.instagram.com/cawc_international)  
Twitter: [@cawc\\_intl](https://twitter.com/cawc_intl)

[YouTube links for Speaker Series](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCORfhRKZnM0gyP1I78oVY9A>

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are truly in the middle of winter but there is a lot to do even if the daylight is a bit short. Just think about how lucky we are to be able to get out and about more, see our friends and have fun. What a change from this time last year! Speaking of which, please look at all of the activities that are happening in our club this month. Wow!

You will notice that Connections looks a little different this month. As we are using more methods of communicating with people, the need for an all encompassing newsletter is reduced. The activities and events for the month are summarised in the calendar at the beginning of Connections and if you want more information about a particular activity, activity leader contact details are at the end.

You will continue to receive a copy of Connections in your e-mail box and a PDF version will be available on the club's website.

We will be running these two versions for about three months and then we will move to the website version only. You will receive the link to the website version in your e-mail box when it is published on the website.

The General Meeting this month will be extra special. We have the honour of presenting to our charity, the Breathing Support Program in Buckinghamshire for MND, our cheque from all of the monies raised at our annual Charity Holiday Bazaar which was held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021. What a success. As you all may know we raised £25,579.95!!! The most any Bazaar has ever raised, and in a year of Covid, truly amazing. Sue Eddy and Phil Murray will attend to receive the cheque and to talk a bit about what this amount will mean for the MND patients and their families. In addition, there will be a marvelous speaker, classical Homeopathic Practitioner, Sally Lennon. More details in the Programmes Section below.

In addition, as we announced at the January General Meeting, Katie Elliott (Thank you so much Katie!) is our nominations chairperson. Yes, it is time to think about elections for the 2022/2023 Board. It is such a privilege to work with the Board, I cannot recommend it enough to all of our members. Yes there is a Board meeting a month to attend, and the General Meeting, but the chance to work with wonderful, talented, intelligent, interesting ladies for and with our membership is just amazing. Please consider a role on the Board; it is a wonderful experience in so many ways. And you can put this on your resume - an added bonus. Elections will take place in March. More details on this next month.

I hope you have a very Happy Valentine's Day. All my best.



Pam Showalter  
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## OUR SPONSORS 2021 / 2022

Please note the following benefits offered by our sponsors:

Oxygen Lifestyle Salon & Spa

20% off hairdressing and beauty services on appointments scheduled Monday - Thursday

Amersham Dry Cleaning

10% off all cleaning services

KN Communications offers a member discount on their 1:2:1 sessions

Click on the sponsor icon to find out more information.

If you would like more information about becoming a Club sponsor, please contact Malina Walsh - [cawcsponsorshipuk@gmail.com](mailto:cawcsponsorshipuk@gmail.com).



## PROGRAMMES – 1<sup>st</sup> VP

We kicked off the calendar year with our General Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January. Deborah Skillicorn, founder of Zoe Brown Perfume, joined us as our guest speaker and shared with us her passion for fragrance and how her signature fragrances tell distinct perfume stories. The talk was enjoyed by all, and the room smelled wonderful by the time the meeting ended. Deborah also generously donated a portion of any perfume sales on the day to our chosen charity, the MND Breathing Support Project.

For our **10<sup>th</sup> February** General Meeting local classical Homeopathic Practitioner Sally Lennon (<http://www.thelittleclinichomeopathy.com>) will join us to discuss “Homeopathy – Less is More” and how homeopathy can have a positive impact on our lives.

Dates for the Calendar:

Save the date for our annual CAWC Tea Party. While the location is to be determined, the date is set for **12<sup>th</sup> May**! Our tradition has dictated that at every Tea Party we have

gorgeous, themed tables designed and decorated by our very own members. Why not get together with your activity group (i.e. hiking, book bunch, etc) or with a group of friends and come up with your own ingenious idea for a themed table? Did I mention there is a fiercely contested "Best Themed Table" competition?!? We'll also be featuring a raffle with incredible prizes donated by our vendors and sponsors throughout the Club year. All proceeds go to our charity. Want to participate, but don't want to decorate a table? Don't worry! If decorating tables is not your thing, but you don't want to miss out on the rest, we always have extra tables available for everyone else.



Please also make note of the NEW date for our end of year celebration: **9<sup>th</sup> June!** We have brought it forward one week so as not to conflict with Royal Ascot. More about that to follow.....

Stay well.



Daniela Matson / Andrea Grimes-Crompton  
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## **MEMBERSHIP**

I would like to welcome the following new members to our Club:

**Farida Gabb**  
**Caroline Gallup**  
**Jill Huskisson**

We currently have 98 members from over 20 different countries which is fantastic considering we are still in the grips of a pandemic. Typically, though, we lose around 20% of members every year, largely because people move away. We are, therefore, always delighted to meet new people. If you bring a guest to the next General Meeting on **Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> February** both you and your guest will receive a free strip of raffle tickets for the prize draw. If your guest becomes a member, your name will go into the £1 membership prize draw held in May 2022.

Many happy birthday greetings to the following members:

**Silver Klajnscek**  
**Ali Oswald**  
**Linda South**  
**Jana Guha Hylmarova**  
**Michelle Egan**  
**Gaye Strange**  
**Shawn Russell**



Anita Wallace

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## **PARLIAMENTARIAN**

### **BOARD NOMINATIONS 2022-2023**

While the last few years have been extremely challenging, we have been very fortunate to have an amazing Board, steering us through. Due to their stellar efforts, the corner stones of CAWC International (fun, friendship and philanthropy) have blossomed. We have a thriving club, with a growing membership and our philanthropic, fundraising achievements are mind-blowing!

However, the time has now come for our Board members to step down and hand the reins over. I'm sure you will join me in thanking them for the all they have done, which has been truly remarkable.

We must now form a new Board, without which the club cannot exist.

We are therefore looking for nominations for:

President

1<sup>st</sup> VP

Treasurer

Secretary

Membership

Activities

Philanthropy.

Positions (with the exception of President) can be shared. Job descriptions are available and current Board members are more than happy to discuss their roles.

A Nominations Committee has been formed, comprising:

**Katie Elliott**

**Lety Wicks**

**Annie Charlier**

**Sarah Maconachy**

**Caroline Gallup**

**Brooke Bourgeois**

One of us will be contacting you to discuss these opportunities in the next few weeks. We do need members to come forward to fill these roles. No experience is needed and you will be very well supported.

Speaking from experience, being part of the Board is a very rewarding and positive experience; while the term of office is one year; most Board members choose to stay longer because they enjoy it!

Your Club needs you, please think about joining the Board. Please feel free to email/call/message me.



Katie Elliott  
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### **ACTIVITIES**

If you are interested in any of the following activities, please contact the appropriate Activity Leader.



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**LET'S GO**

**LUNCH BUNCH**



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**STITCH AND CHAT**



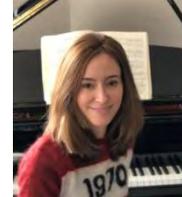
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