



CONNECTIONS

May 2023

Upcoming May Dates

- 2 WOW – Women of the WORD 10am – 12noon
 - 3 GOLF – 10:30 Wexham Park
 - 4 BOARD MEETING 10am-12 noon
 - 9 WOW – Women of the WORD 10am – 12noon
 - 10 GOLF – 10:30 Wexham Park
 - 10 HIKING – 9.45am for 10am start
 - 11 MAY TEA PARTY – 10am Missenden Abbey
 - 15 TENNIS – 2 sessions 10am and 11am, Dukes Wood GX
 - 16 BOOK BUNCH – 12noon – 2.30pm
(The Marriage Portrait by Maggie O’Farrell)
 - 17 GOLF – 10:30 – 11:30am Wexham Park
 - 22 TENNIS – 2 sessions 10am and 11am, Dukes Wood GX
 - 23 WOW – Women of the WORD 10am – 12noon
 - 24 GOLF – 10:30 – 11:30am Wexham Park
 - 25 HIKING 9.45am for 10am start – Bradenham
 - 31 GOLF – 10:30 – 11:30am Wexham Park
- Contact CAWCactivitiesuk@gmail.com for activity leader details

Useful Club Links



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cawc.co.uk



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PRESIDENTS' WELCOME

Dear Ladies,

This is our last Connections article to send out as the co-Presidents of this amazing club.

Many thanks to those of you who were able to join us live on April 27th to participate in the recent elections and a special thanks to our Nominations Chair, Pam Showalter, and our amazing Parliamentarian, Katie Elliot for making it happen. They worked so hard to be able to present such a wonderful slate of new Board Members and we are confident the Club will only continue to thrive under the new leadership. As of June, we will hand over the Presidency to Philippa who will, undoubtedly, lead the club to new heights!

We have so thoroughly enjoyed serving as co-Presidents this past year. Thanks to all of you, we have a greater number of members than we have had in several years; we have healthy financials; our activities offerings are thriving; our speakers are interesting; our philanthropic efforts, notably the Bazaar under the superb leadership of Kate and Robin, has – yet again - exceeded all records this year; and our social media and PR presence continues to grow attracting new members and new sponsors! Most importantly, of course, we have maintained and established new friendships through the Club and have continued to support our local community.

We are so proud to have served the club with Caroline, Jenny, Monika, Philippa, Anne, Alison, Saadia, and Neelam as well as Katie and Malina. They are amazing women and the Club is very lucky to have many of them staying on to serve another term on the Board. Thank you for your time, dedication and friendship ladies!

We still two wonderful end-of-year events to look forward to in May and June. We are so grateful for your support and hope many of you can join to celebrate all that is CAWC International. We look forward to seeing you at Missenden Abbey for the May Tea Party on the 11th May!

Don't forget to pay your membership renewal dues too!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Important Date Updates

Upcoming 2023 GM Dates:

11th May THURSDAY (Tea Party, Missenden Abbey, Great Missenden)

8th June THURSDAY (End of Year Celebration, TBD)



All our best,

Andrea and Daniela

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PROGRAMMES – 1st VP

It's almost Tea Time! We're all SOLD OUT! So if you haven't bought your ticket already, I'm afraid you'll have to wait until next year. But for those of you who signed up, you will know that this year the Annual May Tea Party & Charity Raffle will take place on Thursday, May 11th at Missenden Abbey (London Road, Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire HP16 0BD). The cost is £30 per person and includes the amazing Missenden Abbey afternoon tea.

If you think you've paid, please check as we're still waiting on a few payments.

If you've paid but not clicked on the link below, then you haven't been counted! So please check that you have both PAID and BOOKED as they are two separate actions.

If you have already paid please complete your registration using our registration link (which also includes a lot more detail!). <https://cawcmayteaparty.rsvpify.com>

If you have already registered but not yet paid, please use the payment details that were provided in the email. Please contact us if you did not get the email with bank details. If you already have the CAWC bank details please use your SURNAME and TEA PARTY as the payment reference for your bank transfer.

The event will begin at 10:00 (but shopping officially opens at 9:30!) and will last until approximately 13:00. See the event registration website (link above) for a more detailed schedule of events.

As an extra perk, the Missenden Walled Garden will be open until 15:00 on the day and, in addition to being a place worth visiting on the grounds, the associated charity provides day support for people with disabilities or mental health issues, based within the grounds of Missenden Abbey in Buckinghamshire.

Follow this link (<https://tinyurl.com/52beesup>) for photos of a previous Tea Party at Danesfield House. As you will see, it is lots of fun! (If the link does not work, please copy and paste it directly into your web browser.)

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 a group of friends (or with your activity club...hiking...book bunch...etc!) and come up with your own amazing idea for a themed table? Prizes for "Best Themed Table"! Set up for tables is available from 8:00 am.



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Not keen on decorating or coordinating a group? No problem! We always have at least one extra table available for anyone and everyone else.

The Charity Raffle is not to be missed and is an integral part of this celebration. We'll have lots of amazing prizes, all donated by our vendors and sponsors over the Club year. All proceeds to benefit our new charity, Carers Bucks for their Young Carers programme. This is a fantastic raffle because you buy tickets for the prizes you'd like to win!

We'll also be saying good-bye to our Leavers at this event so you definitely don't want to miss this lovely part of the day.

Look forward to seeing you there

Caroline Gallup

1 VP



ACTIVITIES – 2nd VP

Our calendar shows the activity dates and times for May (everyone is welcome).

Look out for updates via WhatsApp, Facebook and email.

If you would like to join an activity or suggest new ideas, please get in touch with me on cawcukactivities@gmail.com.

Activities spotlight:

Our member, Kathy Flake, puts together a fantastic timetable of countryside walks. She says:

“Day Hikes is an activity that requires no training, no preparation, no equipment, and no knowledge of anything except walking! We walk in the lovely Chiltern hills and other local areas, following circular routes between 4-6 miles, or 1.5 -3 hours. Afterward we lunch at a pub, which is where most of our walks begin. We accommodate every level of fitness, and always wait for slower walkers to catch up. It’s a great way to see beautiful countryside, have interesting conversations, and to improve our cardiovascular health”.

Thank you for organising this for us Kathy.

Kathy sends regular updates by email to those members who would like to join the hikes either regularly or occasionally, depending on commitments. Please let me know at the above email address if you would like to join her email list.

Our member, Robin Smirnov, runs our tennis sessions that are open to all members. She says:

“CAWC tennis takes place on Monday mornings at Dukes Wood Tennis Club in Gerrards Cross. We have a session at 10am and an 11am session. The sessions are one hour each. These are coached sessions and our coach works us through warmups, drills and a small amount of doubles play. Each term costs £125 (there are 3 terms a year that follow the English school calendar) and all players also need to be a member of the Dukes Wood Tennis club which is about £300 a year.

Please let me know if you’d like any more info!”.

Thank you for coordinating this Robin.

Jenny

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PHILANTHROPY

We're looking forward to hearing from Yasmeen from Carers Bucks at the May Tea party who will answer some questions from Jenny to introduce the charity to everyone.

Do please take a look at the fabulous blog on the impact of our fundraising on the Breathing Support Project for motor neurone disease sufferers - <https://cawc.co.uk/philanthropy-motor-neurone-disease-breathing-support-project/> - and keep an eye out for an introductory blog post on Carers Bucks coming in May.

Philippa Taylor

MEMBERSHIP and HOSPITALITY

Membership Renewal – it's that time of the year!

As the current Club year draws to a close, we are already starting to think about the next one! It is time to renew your subscriptions, please. As an added incentive, those of you who renew before the 10th of May, your name will go into a draw to be made at the May Tea Party! The lucky member whose name is drawn out of the hat will get their year's membership reduced to £1 i.e. they will receive a £69 refund!!! How great is that?!!!

The renewal fees for the 2023/2024 Club year remain the same and are:

Full membership fee: £70

Military membership fee: £35

Payment is easiest via bank transfer, if you do not have the account details, please contact Neelam or Monika. When paying please reference your first initial and full surname.

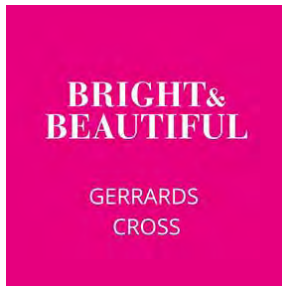
If you know anyone who would like to join, they can simply go to <https://cawc.co.uk/membership-form/> and join too. Remember, for every member you introduce, your name will go into the £1 membership draw held at the May Tea Party. If you introduce two new members, your name will go in twice and so on.

If you have any questions regarding renewal, please contact Neelam Challoner at: cawcmembershipuk@gmail.com.

For alternate payment options please contact Monika Bracken at cawctreasureruk@gmail.com.



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