



CONNECTIONS

October 2023

- 2 TENNIS - Dukes Wood GX
- 3 WOW (Women of the WORD) - Bible Study
- 3 GOLF - 10:30am Wexham Park, SL3 6ND
- 4 GOLF - 10am Wexham Park, SL3 6ND
- 4 BOW PARTY - 10am-1pm (Contact: Malina Walsh)
- 5 BOW PARTY - 10am-1pm (Contact: Malina Walsh)
- 5 BOARD MEETING (Contact: Lety Wicks)
- 6 BAZAAR MEET - 12-2pm Committee meeting
- 8 HIKING - West Wycombe
- 9 TENNIS - Dukes Wood GX
- 9 BASKETS until 20 October - (Contact: Lety Wicks)
- 9 MOVIE MADNESS
- 10 WOW (Women of the WORD) - Bible Study
- 10 GOLF - 10:30am Wexham Park, SL3 6ND
- 11 GOLF - 10am Wexham Park, SL3 6ND
- 11 HIKING - Sarratt
- 12 **GENERAL MEETING** - 9:30am for 10am - bring a guest!
Socialising - Vendors - Speaker, historian & author Helen Fry. Harewood Downs Golf Club, Cokes Ln, near Amersham HP8 4TA. (Contact: Lety Wicks)
- 12 LUNCH BUNCH - After GM at the Golf Club
- 16 TENNIS - Dukes Wood GX
- 17 BOOK BUNCH - Venue TBC
- 17 WOW (Women of the WORD) - Bible Study
- 23 TENNIS - Dukes Wood GX
- 25 HIKING - Medmenham
- 25 BUNCO - Venue TBC
- 28 HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT
- 30 TENNIS - Dukes Wood GX
- 31 GOLF - 10:30am Wexham Park, SL3 6ND

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Contact CAWCactivitiesuk@gmail.com for activity leader contact details, names listed below.

Activity Contacts: TENNIS: Michelle Egan, Maral Milne GOLF: Gitte Floodeen, BAZAAR: Kate Harman/ Robin Smirnov, LUNCH BUNCH: Allexia Griffiths, HIKING: Kathy Flake, WOW: Michelle Egan, BOOK BUNCH: Patti Dossett, BUNCO: Lety Wicks, LET'S GO: Daniela Matson, MOVIE MADNESS: Maral Milne

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Happy October!

We hope you had a fab September and it was fantastic to see so many of you at the first General Meeting of the 2023 – 24 club year. Thank you to Lety Wicks and all the activity leaders for sharing insights into what we can do together; to the Bazaar team for showcasing how we can all get involved in our annual Christmas fundraising event; to Tracy Thorne for a fabulous watercolour painting session; to Denise Abdussamad for finding such great vendors & raffle prizes; and to Jenny Cookman for arranging for Carers Bucks to give us an update on how they've been supporting young carers over the summer.

CLUB MEETING VENUES

Our new meeting location is wonderful and we will be at Harewood Downs Golf Club again for our October meeting, then back to Beaconsfield Golf Club for our November and January meetings before returning to Harewood Downs for February and March, then our final meeting of the year is back at Beaconsfield – full details can be found on the home page of our website as well as in the calendar section and are also listed below.

Thank you to Lety Wicks for stepping up to host the October meeting while I travel to Texas for work and to see my family. Our speaker is award winning writer Helen Fry, who will be talking about her new book *Women in Intelligence: the hidden history of two world wars*. There'll also be a chance to try out your bow making skills with the Bazaar team.

OUR 36TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our annual Charity Christmas Bazaar will take place on November 12th from 10am – 4pm at the Crowne Plaza, Gerrards Cross, and is our main fundraising event of the year. We are delighted to be supporting Carers Bucks this year: 100% of the money raised will go to Carers Bucks to help support 1,800 young people aged 5-25 throughout the Buckinghamshire area who give unpaid support and care to their loved ones.

The CAWC Bazaar only happens with the help of each and every member, so please take a look at all the different ways you can get involved both before and during the bazaar to find where your time and talents would best be put to use. Please sign up for at least two slots before the Bazaar and two slots during the Bazaar – your family members are welcome to join us: sign up details are in the Bazaar team's report below.



PRESIDENT'S WELCOME cont...

If you've never been to our Bazaar, it really has to be experienced to be believed (last year we raised nearly £27,000 for our charity!). There'll be around 70 vendors selling marvellous gifts; a silent auction; our incredible gift baskets will be on sale; a Grand Raffle; our brand-new Tombola; the famous CAWC Bake Sale; and our Feliz Navidad themed Tex-Mex Café. Please invite your friends, neighbours, work colleagues and family by either sharing our social media posts or displaying our flyer locally – every little helps...

We have a Premier Hour event from 9am – 10am for CAWC members plus their friends and families to shop before the crowds arrive! Premier Hour tickets always sell out very quickly so please secure yours ASAP. Otherwise tickets are £5 at the door (ages 12 and under are free) – remember to bring cash please.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A huge thank you to Sheena Kandhari for finding us such a fabulous venue for our Christmas lunch this year: Taplow House Hotel, Berry Hill, Maidenhead SL6 0DA. Please mark Thursday 7th December from 11am (12:30pm lunch) in your diaries now ready to book your tickets from early November. Places are limited to just 60 so do book early to avoid disappointment.

Enjoy the meeting on October 12 at 9.30am for a 10am start at the Harewood Downs Golf Club, Cokes Ln, Nr Amersham HP8 4TA.

Philippa Taylor
President

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2023-24 General Meeting Dates

PLEASE NOTE WE WILL BE AT TWO DIFFERENT VENUES THIS CLUB YEAR SO WHY NOT MARK THE DATES & VENUES IN YOUR DIARY NOW?

October/February/March - Harewood Downs Golf Club, Cokes Ln, Nr Amersham HP8 4TA.

November/January/April - Beaconsfield Golf Club, Farm Ln, Seer Green, Beaconsfield HP9 2UP.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 12th October 2023 – Harewood Downs Golf Club, Cokes Ln, Nr Amersham HP8 4TA.
9.30am for a 10am start.

Speaker – Helen Fry, award winning writer, on her new book “Women in Intelligence: the hidden history of two world wars”

Thursday 9th November 2023 – Beaconsfield Golf Club, Farm Ln, Seer Green, Beaconsfield HP9 2UP. 9.30am for a 10am start.

Speaker – Ghulam Rassool, photographer. Pakistan in Pictures and getting the most out of your camera

Thursday 7th December - Christmas lunch, Taplow House Hotel, Berry Hill, Maidenhead SL6 0DA, from 11am (12:30pm lunch).

Thursday 11th January 2024 - Beaconsfield Golf Club, Farm Ln, Seer Green, Beaconsfield HP9 2UP. 9.30am for a 10am start.

Speaker - Oxygen Lifestyle Salon & Spa, Colour and Your Hair

Thursday 8th February 2024- Harewood Downs Golf Club, Cokes Ln, Nr Amersham HP8 4TA. 9.30am for a 10am start.

Speaker – Paul Wayne Gregory, Master Chocolatier. An introduction to indulgence + chocolate tasting

Thursday 14th March 2024 - Harewood Downs Golf Club, Cokes Ln, Nr Amersham HP8 4TA. 9.30am for a 10am start.

Speaker – Nicky Batt, Managing your emotions with colour

Thursday 18th April 2024 - Beaconsfield Golf Club, Farm Ln, Seer Green, Beaconsfield HP9 2UP. 9.30am for a 10am start.

Speaker - Jenny Seagrove, actress and founder of her horse sanctuary. Mane Chance Sanctuary.

Tea party - venue tbc, Thursday 9th May 2024.

End of year celebration - venue tbc.



2023 BAZAAR UPDATE

CAWC 36th Annual Charity Christmas Bazaar Sunday, 12th November 2023

Planning for the Christmas Bazaar is well underway! Please save the date for Saturday, November 11 in the morning to help with set up and Sunday, November 12th which is Bazaar day!

Bazaar volunteer sign-ups are happening now! Please note that it is a responsibility of ALL members of CAWC to volunteer to help with our Bazaar. We need all of our CAWC members to help volunteer to work shifts on the day (we love it when family members volunteer too!) and to spread the word to your friends and family! In the run up to the Bazaar we will also need help making our famous gift baskets, baking for our yummy bake sale, making a crockpot of chilli and helping to set up on Saturday and Sunday mornings. If you are new to CAWC helping with the Bazaar is a great way to meet people and make new friends. Please sign up for as many things as you'd like! We can't do this without you. Please use this link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DADAB2FA0F5C43-cawc1>

We are looking for 2-3 ladies who would like to be in charge of Vendor Hospitality. This role is a really fun one looking after our vendors on the day and providing them with tea, coffee and snacks. Please contact us for more info! If you are interested in being part of the Bazaar Committee please attend our next Bazaar meeting which is **Friday, 6th of October from 12-2pm** plus basket making prep and last donation drop!

Basket making will take place **October 9-20th**.

- 100% of the profit from the Bazaar will go to our chosen charity, Carers Bucks which helps to support 1,800 young people aged 5-25 throughout the Buckinghamshire area who give unpaid support and care to their loved ones.

At the Bazaar there will be around 70 incredible vendors selling a huge variety of fabulous things, a silent auction, our incredible gift baskets will be on sale, there will be a Grand Raffle and our new Tombola with prizes to be won and there is the famous CAWC Bake Sale and the Texas Cafe!

We also will have a **Premier Hour event from 9am-10am** for CAWC members and their friends and families to be able to shop before anyone else in peace before the crowds arrive! Premier Hour tickets are selling quickly so, please get yours soon through this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cawc-christmas-charity-bazaar-premier-hour-tickets-tickets-575872970557> And share the link with your friends and neighbours too!



2023 BAZAAR UPDATE

Here are a few ways that you could help now:

1. Please share details of the Bazaar with everyone you know and on social media! Sharing, liking and commenting on our posts is a great way to bring more attention to our event!
2. Clean out the clutter in your closets/pantries, and donate those new unwanted new items for our famous gift baskets. We can turn your unwanted items into treasure!
3. We will take any new donations but, we are in need of: food items that have best before dates that are good until after Christmas, mugs, napkins, tea, coffee, chocolates, tea towels, toiletries, bottles of alcohol, wine, Prosecco, champagne, gin, craft beer, olives, jewellery, scarves, American food, cake mixes, frosting, snacks, candy, toys, lotions and potions, Thanksgiving items: the list is endless!
4. Pop into your local charity shop and see if you can find any baskets or vessels that could be used to hold gift baskets items.
5. We are also happy to take cash donations for our gift baskets if you'd love to donate but, aren't sure what to give.
6. We are very thankful for all of your donations!
7. Finally, please sell raffle tickets for our Grand raffle to your family and friends. We have a huge list of amazing prizes to be won!

Thank you so much to all CAWC members, the Bazaar couldn't take place without your hard work and generosity! We look forward to sharing more details with you about the Bazaar!

We hope to see you there!

CAWC Bazaar co-chairs:

Kate Harman and **Robin Smirnov**



ACTIVITIES

Welcome back to another pack-full month of ACTIVITIES...!!

Please make a note of the dates in your diaries so that you don't miss your favourites activities with friends.

Note too that now tennis has 2 new leaders: **Michelle Egan and Maral Milne.**

A BIG THANK YOU to **Robin Smirnov** for all your time and effort to keep this sport alive and going for at least the past 3 years.

Please also make a note that, we will continue to produce **bows for the gift baskets** on the **4th and 5th of October** at **Malina Walsh's** place, from **10am-1pm**. Thank you so much, your help is greatly appreciated.

Equally, please note that we will be making the gift baskets for the Bazaar a bit earlier this year, during these two weeks: **9th - 20th October, at Monika's house from 9am-3pm every day.**

And we beg you to volunteer two slots on the **SIGN-UP GENIUS. Your club needs YOU!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DADAB2FA0F5C43-cawc1>

Good news... !! After our painting session with **Tracy Thorne** at the last General meeting, I had a conversation with Tracy to see if we could add another activity to our club, and she is getting prepared to let us know when we can start this new activity...? Tracy's home is undergoing some building extension and as soon as this is done and dusted, she will let us know.

So, stay tuned, as our next session might be sometime in the middle of October.

Finally, the **Halloween Party** this year will be held at the Seer Green Community Hall on **Sunday 28 October. Check out Maral Milne and Malina Walsh's article below.**

For the full calendar of activities, please consult our webpage and go to:

cawc.co.uk/activities-and-events

Thank you and I will look forward to seeing many of you during October...!



Lety Wicks

2nd VP ACTIVITIES

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ACTIVITY REVIEW

Let's Go

The CAWC “Let’s Go” activity group wasted no time in kicking off the 2023/2024 club year with a fabulous food tour through the heart of London’s vibrant Soho district. On the sunny afternoon of Friday, September 22nd, eight enthusiastic club members were treated to a guided foodie journey, exploring a total of ten handpicked spots known for their diverse array of delectable treats. The tour tantalised taste buds (and filled our bellies) with a medley of sweet and savoury delights. From exquisite pastries to the best chicken shop to sushi burritos (yes!) and the four time winner of the best British chocolatier, each stop offered a unique insight into SOHO’s rich gastronomic tapestry.

It was a perfect start to the Club year, bonding over the yummy food and enjoying an unseasonably warm day in London. Cheers to more Let’s Go escapades and sunny days ahead!

For those of you unfamiliar with Let’s Go, it is an activity group within CAWC dedicated to curating engaging group experiences in both local and neighbouring areas (Buckinghamshire, Greater London, Berkshire, Oxfordshire, and Hertfordshire for the most part). The group is all about bringing people together through exciting outings and events that foster connection and enjoyment. Think food tours, outings to exhibitions, cultural events, etc).

Join us to explore the vibrant tapestry of our region while forging new friendships and creating unforgettable memories!

Note that I won’t be planning an outing until after the CAWC Charity Christmas Bazaar so as not to conflict with the various volunteer slots needed to ensure our Bazaar is another huge success. Look for the next Let’s Go outing in late November!



Daniela Matson

ACTIVITY LEADERS and Details



Book Bunch

The session to discuss the set Book will be on Tuesday 17 at 12hrs, at the house of one of the members. Stay tuned for the location. Patti Dossett will send more information.

However, if you want to know more, or join the group, please contact me.



Thanks!
Patti Dossett



Golf

This term Golf is being played every Tuesday at 10.30am and also on Wednesday at 10am at the Wexham Park Golf Centre. For more information please contact me.



Gitte Floodeen



Bunco

Our next session is set for Weds 25 October, 19-22hrs.; at the home of one of our members. This is a fun dice game and all you need to bring is £5. Contact me if you want to be added in our WhatsApp group.



Lety Wicks



Hiking

This club's year, I am offering mostly 3 hikes - one on a weekend...! Keep note of the dates for this month: on 11, 15 and 25 October. I will be sending reminders for all interested. For more information contact me.



Kathy Flake

HALLOWEEN...!!

Join us for a Spooktacular Trunk and Treat event!

Save the Date: **28th October**

Time: **4:30-6:30pm**

Location: **The Green, Seer Green Lane, Village Hall, Jordan's, HP9 2ST**

Get ready for a ghoulishly good time! We're hosting a Halloween Trunk and Treat extravaganza, perfect for kids and families. Here's what we have in store:

Trunk or Treat: Decorate your car in spooky style and hand out treats to our little goblins. There will be Prizes for the best-decorated trunks!

Candy Galore: Countless candies and treats await the trick-or-treaters. Bring your sweet tooth!

Costume Contest: Dress in your most creative, scary, or cute costume for a chance to win prizes!

Music & Games: Enjoy Halloween tunes, and activities for all ages.

Food & Refreshments: Bring a dish to share.

Photo Booth: Capture the memories with a Halloween-themed photo booth.

Spooky Fun: You won't want to miss the thrills and chills. It's going to be a hauntingly good time!

Stay tuned for more details and invite your friends and neighbours for a spine-tingling evening of fun.

Let's make this Halloween unforgettable!

For any more information please contact: **Maral Milne and Malina Walsh.**

ACTIVITIES cont...

Lunch Bunch

This term the Lunch Bunch will be fixed at the end of the General meetings when these are held at the Harewood Golf Club, in Cokes Lane, HP8 4TA. At other times there will be a notification as to where the place will be located.

For more information, please get in contact with me.



Alexia Griffiths

Movie Madness

This time the date for the session is set on Monday 9th October. Stay tuned for the title of the movie and the time. For more information, please contact me.

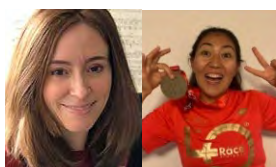


Maral Milne

Tennis

CAWC tennis takes place on Monday mornings at Dukes Wood Tennis Club in Gerrards Cross from 10-11:30 am. These are coached sessions, and our coach works us through warmups, drills and a small number of doubles play. Each term costs £152 (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.

The current term runs through November 27th. We have one available open spot. If you are interested, please get in touch. Thanks so much,



Michelle Egan and Maral Milne.

WoW (Women of the Word)

The group bible study is set for Tuesday mornings, from 10am - noon, at the home of one of the members. If you would like to join this group or have more information, please contact me.



Michelle Egan

PHILANTHROPY

We were delighted to hear from our charity Carers Bucks at our first meeting of the year and they sent us this message afterwards:

“Thank you for inviting us to your CAWC September General Meeting. It was lovely to see you all again and tell you about how we have supported over 300 young carers over the summer via our wonderful residential stays, day trips and activities.

Now that the holidays are over and it’s back to school time we are full steam ahead planning our club nights every week. This is where our young carers can enjoy two carefree hours and take part in games, cooking, arts and crafts and socialising with each other.

As we mentioned at the meeting, this year we are focusing on enticing secondary schools to work closely with us so we can reach young carers aged 11 to 16. It’s a very exciting year ahead for Carers Bucks young carers and we are very much looking forward to attending and helping in any way we can at the Christmas Bazaar!

Beth, Yasmeen and Charlotte Carers Bucks”



Jenny Cookman
Philanthropy

MEMBERSHIP and HOSPITALITY

Hello Ladies,

Firstly, a very big welcome to three new members:

Maria Sandra Iglesias Seijo

Ruchika Gandhi

Bree Connally

Welcome to the CAWC.

A huge 'thank you' to those of you who have already paid your membership fee for the Club year 2023/2024. **PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU DO NOT PAY BY THE END OF OCTOBER YOU WILL NO LONGER BE A MEMBER OF THE CAWC.** Please do not leave us, we will miss you!

If you have not paid, the easiest way to renew is to transfer either £70 for full membership or £35 for military membership to the bank account – please contact me for bank details.

If you have paid, you will have received an e-mail or text from me (Anita Wallace) confirming that we have received your subscription payment. If you are not sure, please let me know (cawcmembershipuk@gmail.com) and I will check for you.

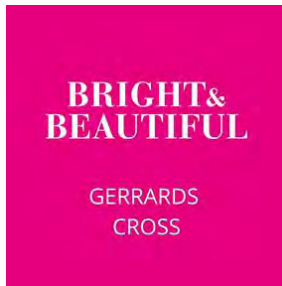
We are always looking for new members so do please bring friends to the General Meetings and events. Don't forget, at the General Meeting both you and your friend(s) will receive a **FREE** strip of raffle tickets **EACH!!!!** If your friend joins the Club your name will go into the £1 prize Membership draw held at the end of the Club year. If you introduce two friends, your name will be entered twice, and so on.



Anita Wallace
Membership

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