

## Busy run up to Christmas!

**Speaker:** Jane Muddle. She has an ethically based business called 'Madajazz' that sells hand woven raffia goods sourced from Madagascar, using 'Fairtrade' principles.

**Topic:** The Secrets of Madagascar and the story behind their bags and hats.

Jane arrived with numerous bags and hats and set them out in front of the members which made an attractive display, and some were used as 'visual aids' during her talk. Members were transported to Madagascar, a large island in the Indian Ocean, off the coast of Mozambique, and were taken on a round tour as she introduced us to the bags and hats which were all ethically sourced – made from raffia, and hand dyed using the roots of plants found in Madagascar.

The bags were most appealing in their many different colours, and there were also some made for kiddies as well! We were shown how wide-brimmed hats could be squashed into a suitcase yet come out looking 'as good as new' - amazing!

At the end of the talk, Jane asked for two volunteers to act as models and Annette and Chris Butterfield, our guest from Surrey Federation, quickly volunteered!

Members certainly enjoyed their educational afternoon, and many went home with their purchases!



**Churt WI's Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 26 November: 10.30am to 3.30pm**

### \*Final reminder for the WI Bottle Tombola\*

**We would be most grateful for any bottle donations please.  
They can be delivered to Marion's house.**

**THE NEXT MEETING is on 13 December and will include  
Christmas lunch at the Hindhead Golf Club**

### Dates for your diary:

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November: 10.30am to 3.30pm: Churt WI's Christmas Bazaar being held in the Village Hall. See Di to sign-up to help on the day or provide cakes to sell.**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: WI meeting & Christmas Lunch at Hindhead Golf Club: Cost £27pp for Churt WI members only. See DI to sign-up.**

#### Exciting dates for the New Year:

**Tuesday 17 January 2023: A social afternoon to include an adult 'colouring in' session, tea and cake: cost £5pp. See Ann to sign-up.**

**Wednesday 26 April: The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel @ Yvonne Arnaud theatre: Tickets £37pp. Car share will operate. Please check with Rosemary for ticket availability.**