

Since our May meeting quite a few things have taken place, and our new sub-groups held their first meetings.

The Book group met at The Swan Public House on 1st June, where they discussed the format of their future meetings and books they might like to choose. Another group, the Coffee Cups and Flower Pots, met on 23rd June at Sprowston Garden Centre, where there was the chance to have a cuppa (with or without food) and to view the garden centre – this was slightly different to the normal 'ladies who lunch' format. The members who attended enjoyed themselves, and these two groups are welcome additions to what The Stalham Broads WI has on offer to members. There are plans to create several more sub-groups in the coming months.

At our June meeting, held on a glorious morning (to be fair it was a shame to be indoors) Rosie Meades, who had been our delegate at the Norfolk Federation's Annual Meeting at the Theatre Royal, gave her report on the event. Following this we were treated to a demonstration of flower arranging by Crystal Dyball, with some members trying the activity for themselves or, to quote our secretary who 'stuck some flowers in some green stuff and hope it looked OK'!

During the June meeting, the changes to future programme events were announced; this was as a result of an ongoing review by the committee over the last few months. The first activity change will be to the August meeting, when instead of the originally planned craft morning, we will be 'travelling back' to Edwardian times, and hearing about a murder investigation. There is also a change to the programme for October when we will now be learning what an anchoress was. As well as these changes, planning for our second birthday celebration (in November) is also in hand. The ladies will be getting transported back in time once more, to the 1970's (a decade all the members were present for, but some of us may remember the decade better than others), with the help of some music from the era and maybe a surprise or two along the way.

Later in the month (28th June to be exact) there was the delayed beach clean at Sea Palling, when some members bimbled like little wombles along the beach, collecting up various pieces of rubbish on the way. A little stretch of Sea Palling beach is now much cleaner for the effort. Mind you the North Sea clearly didn't read the tide table as we had planned to go at low tide (both Rosemarie our President and Paula the Secretary had checked), but the sea was more in than out. It was however a very productive morning collecting everything from a discarded dummy to plastic netting, and as for the pair of socks let's not go there! It is surprising what you can find on what looks, at first glance, to be a clean spread of sand.