

After a busy month of activities in May it just seems like June flew by (can someone please tell us where the last six months have gone?). Once again our members have been busy, not just taking part in local activities but also Federation activities as well.

We started the month with our monthly meeting at which it was proposed that we pay for one of the town signs (Stalham has two, one at each end of the High Street) to be renovated as our contribution to looking after the community we belong to. The sign in question had been commissioned and paid for by the previous Stalham WI (another reason for wanting to do something to maintain it) as part of their 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations in 1977 (due to a delay not of their making the sign didn't get placed until 1978) and after 50 plus years of Norfolk weather it naturally had become in need of a little TLC. With this in mind it was put to the members to vote on whether to provide funds for the repairs. We had arranged with the local Men's Shed to sand down and re-waterproof the wooden elements and clean up the metal lettering and wherry (which is very much in keeping with the community focus as the sign was made locally by pupils from the Stalham High School). The members in attendance voted overwhelmingly in favour of the repairs which means a piece of the town's past and present now has a link with not just one WI but two. The work has now been completed and the sign once more is a fitting part of the entrance to the town (we like to think the members of the original Stalham WI would be proud of our efforts to look after 'their' sign).

Our speaker for the month came from the East Coast Truckers Charity who told us all about the work the truckers of the East do for disabled children and their families. Not just providing a day out to a local theme park in August, but also by providing holidays for the families on the Norfolk Coast.

A few days after the meeting 9 members (admittedly one member was attending with her Primary WI) attended the Federation's Summer Garden Party at Wiveton Hall, on what was a glorious day weather wise. It was great to see everyone had made an effort to look summery, and even the member better known for her casual wear wore something suitable. The gardens at Wiveton Hall are amazing and everyone enjoyed themselves on the tour.

Finally, the month was rounded off with 16 members venturing over to The Sea Marge Hotel in Overstrand for our first big social of the year. Here they had afternoon tea, and judging by what was seen in the photos afterwards, they had a very enjoyable afternoon.