



## ATTLEBOROUGH WI

### Newsletter March/April 2026

#### Members' Meeting, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Hilda opened the meeting by welcoming members, as well as a new member to our WI, Roni Kingston-Miles, and visitors Jill Walters, Kathleen Colderwood and Ali Rice. All members were asked to complete a membership form on arrival, confirming their eligibility to join the WI. There was some discussion of this new WI EDI policy, before we moved on to singing Jerusalem.

Our speaker this month was Maria Pennington, telling us about the History of Pearls. A fascinating talk, accompanied by some interesting slides. There was also some lovely jewellery was available to buy from her.

Refreshments followed with tea ladies, JJ, Pam and Mavis helping. And of course some delicious home made cakes. Before settling down to the business, we were entertained with a couple of songs by our Tena Ladies – a definite Dutch theme, with a lively mouse being star of the show!

And so to the Business. Having approved the record of our previous meeting in February, Hilda outlined to members the changes to the Constitution for our Federation which we were obliged to vote on ahead of the Federation Annual meeting (FAM) in April. There was unanimous agreement in favour of the changes. This vote will be taken to the FAM by our delegate, Clare.

Latest correspondence was read out by Genevieve and details are overleaf. We have also received from National this year's Raffle tickets. See box below.

The sub committees reported on their latest meetings; details of dates of April's meetings are overleaf, as is information on future events for our WI and Federation. Looking ahead to our Birthday meeting in October, Hilda mentioned that due to all our fund raising, we will be enjoying a free lunch before the meeting.

After the raffle, this month's birthdays were read out and we had three very amusing thoughts for the month, sending members home smiling, just before 4pm.

#### The WI Lottery

Support our WI. Buy a lottery ticket for the chance to win up to £25,000. We have so far earned over £60 for WI funds this year from ticket holders. For more information click [on this link](#)

#### The WI Raffle

The first prize is £10,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, a 7 night 5\* Danube river cruise for 2 inc flights, transfers, cruise, excursions, meals and drinks. And other wonderful prizes. Tickets are available on line or from Ann K. For more information click [here](#)

### Our Sub Groups

#### Craft (Ruth)

Next meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> May 10am (note no meeting in April): Bring your own work and Show & Tell

#### Book Club (Clare)

Next meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> March 1.30 Library:  
"Small Pleasures, by Clare Chambers

#### Walk 'n Talk (Chris)

Next meeting: 30<sup>th</sup> March 10am, meeting at Hilda's for an Easter Treasure Hunt

#### Cookery (Hilda)

Next meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> April 10am: Chocolate – demos and tastings.  
And note our visit to the Goat Shed confirmed for 8<sup>th</sup> May.

#### Singing (Genevieve)

Next meeting: to be advised

### Outings (Betty)

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> June: Our educational outing,

Coach leaving Queen's Square at 9.30am to King's Lynn; visit The Old Gaol House then onto Norfolk Lavender for lunch – all free except for your lunch. Friends and family also welcome @ £10 ea

Betty also mentioned a Spring Exhibition by the Patchwork Group on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April, 10am to 4pm, in the New Buckenham Village Hall. All welcome.

### Future Events

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> April 10am:** Book Fair at the Town Hall, Thanks to those volunteers serving refreshments

**15<sup>th</sup> April 10am:** Coffee Morning, Old Buckenham Country Park

**16<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm:** Guiltcross Meeting in Old Buckenham Village Hall. Speaker will be Matt Squance talking about Drag and the Power of Make-up. £2 entry fee.

**18<sup>th</sup> April 10am to 11.30:** Spring Fair at St Mary's. Come and see us there.

**22<sup>nd</sup> April:** Federation Annual meeting at Theatre Royal. Clare, our Delegate, will report back at our May meeting.

**25<sup>th</sup> April 11am to 4pm:** Attleborough Charter Market at St Mary's, WI promotion

**6<sup>th</sup> May 11am -1pm:** CPR Training for Attleborough WI with East Anglian Air Ambulance in the Town Hall.

**4<sup>th</sup> June:** National Annual Meeting (a virtual watch party to be held at Genevieve's)

### Upcoming Federation Events

**11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April:** Centenary Salver Competition, Honingham Village Hall. Open to visitors on Saturday 4-6pm; Sunday, 11am -3.30pm.

Attleborough WI has an entry for this competition – do come and see us there

**20<sup>th</sup> April:** Resolutions Meeting, ES House

**21<sup>st</sup> May:** Mix & Mingle with the Trustees, Highways Nurseries, Loddon Road, Norwich

**12<sup>th</sup> June:** Tank Experience Day, Muckleburgh Military Museum

Further information and tickets may be found here: <https://norfolk.thewi.org.uk/news>



### Our Next Meeting: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April (note amended date)

The speaker will be Saffron Summerfield with "When the Birds Sing".

The competition is an item made out of feathers.