



ATTLEBOROUGH WI

Newsletter July/August 2026

Members' Meeting, 22nd July 2026

As the holiday season is upon us, quite a few members were unable to be with us this month.

However, we were delighted to welcome two visitors, Rachel Denson and April.

We sang (beautifully, as ever), Jerusalem. Our original speaker, Graham Cole (of The Bill fame) cried off, then Linda Scoles kindly said she would step in, but alas she had to cancel too, so members had to make do with Genevieve doing a last minute chat, with slides, on her trip to Thailand, South Vietnam and Cambodia. It is hoped that everyone enjoyed the talk.

Betty had also devised a Summer Quiz which we all enjoyed doing during the refreshments. Thanks to Susan, Bev and Carol for helping out at refreshment time, and to the bakers for the lovely array of delicious cakes.

After approving the read-out from our meeting in June, and confirming there were no matters arising from the meeting, we ploughed on with the business. Ann (standing in for Clare who is away) informed members that our WI account stands at £4893.10 - a very healthy state of affairs, and great for going towards our outing next year; we also received £109.52 in Gift Aid.

Our sub groups gave their updates, and details of their next meetings are overleaf.

Hilda had quite a lot to tell us about planned future events, please see overleaf.

After the raffle, the winner of the competition (an item of travel memorabilia) was announced; well done Maggie for your Egyptian shoe horn (I think).

Under AOB, Hilda talked about the VIA On Line Learning hub, describing briefly what sort of courses can be found on the hub, and how it all works. Genevieve will be happy to run a short, hour-long, course for those interested, and a date for this will be confirmed soon.

Looking ahead to next year, Hilda hopes to arrange a Craft & Flower Arranging Day. This would be an all-day course, craft demos in the morning and flower arranging in the afternoon, with lunch; this would cost in the region of £15pp. More info to come.

After the Raffle, Maggie wound up the meeting with an amusing Thought for the Month; Genevieve's was a little longer and more serious, but gave us food for thought!



Our Sub Groups

Craft (Ruth)

Next meeting: 3rd August Bring your own craft.

Book Club (Clare)

Next meeting: 20th August: "Giver of Stars" by Jo Jo Moyes

Walk 'n Talk (Carol)

Next meeting: 30th July at Thetford Forest.

Cookery (Hilda)

Next meeting 17th August: Picnic things.

Singing (Genevieve)

Next meeting: 5th August. Practising for our Birthday Party

Outings (Betty)

11th December: Cromer End of Pier Show by coach. £50. Payment due by end August.

26th January: "Crazy for You" Norwich Theatre. £37, payable asap.

9th June 2027: Our educational outing: A River Trip on Wroxham Broads including a visit to Wroxham Miniature Worlds which will be subsidised by our WI.



VIA is the new WI Learning Hub. There are hundreds of flexible online courses available, free of charge to WI members. It's easy to access and easy to use.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Genevieve is happy to run a short course on using VIA at the Town Hall. If you are interested, please let her know.

A date will be advised shortly.

Future Events

19th August: Coffee Morning at Old Buckenham Country Park

16th September: WI Day which we'll celebrate at Old Buckenham Country Park from 10am

26th September: Scarecrow Competition (Ann)
Anyone interested in helping create a scarecrow for the Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church, please see Ann.

28th October: Our 90th Birthday, when we'll celebrate with a lunch from 1200 at the Town Hall ahead of our meeting. Lunch will be baked potatoes and fillings, and puddings. Games will be played!

March 2027: A Craft & Flower Arranging Day. This will involve a craft demonstration in the morning, followed by lunch, then a flower arranging demo in the afternoon. The cost will be in the region of £15 pp. More info to follow.

Our Next Meeting: 26th August:
Our Art, Craft & Cookery Show
Followed by our meeting, which
includes a
Mystery Tasting

Art, Craft & Cookery Open Show, 26th August

Entries for the show may be dropped off, together with completed entry forms, at the Town Hall from 9.15am up till 10am. Exhibits may be viewed by Members from 1pm, with the opportunity to vote for your "People's Choice" out of the Art & Photography; Pots, Vases & Floral Art, and Handicrafts classes.

Winners will be announced during the meeting.