



ATTLEBOROUGH WI

Newsletter May/June 2025



Members' meeting: Wednesday 28th May at 1.30pm

We welcomed just about a full house of members this month. Plus a couple of new members: welcome to Marie Newson and Debbie (Bev's sister). Great to have you all with us. We were also delighted to welcome guests Sheila Young, from Old Buckenham WI, our Delegate to the National Annual Meeting, and Vera from the Royal British Legion.

Just a couple of apologies: Tilly and Ruth.

Our meeting commenced with Ann (our Treasurer) giving a summary of the proposed WI Resolution for this year: Bystanders can be Lifesavers, together with a bit of a background information. We had a short discussion on this proposal before voting unanimously for the Resolution to be taken forward at the National Annual Meeting. This was followed by a discussion on the proposed changes to the Constitution which we also needed to vote on. This is a complicated subject and thankfully Sheila Young was able to help clarify some of the points. Members agreed to give her discretion on how to vote, after having heard the debate at the Annual meeting.

Then there was a bit more business. Everyone was happy with the previous month's Record of the meeting (contained in our April/May Newsletter), which Hilda duly signed off. The latest correspondence from Federation Office had been sent to members by email, and some of the upcoming events are detailed are overleaf.

Everyone was keen to contribute their red hand print to the Royal British Legion's effort to create the largest poppy made out of handprints, and, after our refreshment time, Hilda was able to hand over a bumper bundle of handprints to the RBL representative, Vera.

Hilda also presented to Carol Cousins a thank you card and voucher for all her help and hard work during her time as WI Adviser.

And finally we all settled down to Bingo! Janet Potter was our very efficient Caller, explaining the rules of those of us who hadn't played before. Then it was heads down, and silence while we all concentrated on our cards ... unheard of at a WI meeting! We got through three games with three lucky winners of some pretty plants. Thank you to Janet for making it such fun.

And there were more winners with our Raffle. Hilda mentioned here our grateful thanks to Doreen for running our raffles at every meeting.

Displayed at this meeting was our entry for this year's Centenary Salver Competition. Hilda, Janet, Bridget, Jenny Barbara, Susan D and Genevieve all worked very hard - and had a lot of fun - creating a wonderful exhibit depicting Frederick Rolfe, the King of the Norfolk Poachers. Members were pretty impressed. Our entry came 8th in the competition.

Birthdays this month : Janet , Bridget, June P and Jo. Happy birthday to you!

And finally a very amusing Thought for the Month from Betty (too long to fit in here, I'm afraid).

Members were very happy to take home a WI mug as we are now using the Town Hall's mugs for our refreshments at our meetings.

Our meeting ended at 3.45pm.

Outings

13th June: Priscilla Bacon Lodge cafe and gardens. Barbara is organising this. Meet at Sainsbury's at 11am for car share.

18th June: Bury St Edmunds Educational Outing. Meet at 10am at Queen's Square for coach. Leaving Bury at about 4pm. Please bring your emergency medical form.

9th July: Hotters Shoe Shop, Norwich, 6pm to 8pm. Presentation/fashion show, little eats, raffle. Own transport.

12th December: Cromer End of Pier show.

Book Club (Clare)

Next meeting 29th May reading "The Light Between Oceans" by M L Stedman.

Craft Group (Ruth)

Next meeting 2nd June making a needlecase with Betty. Or bring your own craft.

Cookery (Hilda)

Next meeting 21st July. The crab lady was unable to join us for our May meeting as the weather was too rough to catch crabs. So she's coming to us in July.

Future Events

4th June: National Annual Meeting. Streamed at Genevieve's home from 11.45.

19th June: Coffee morning @ Old Buckenham Country Park

27th August: Art, Craft & Cookery Show (our August meeting): time to start your piccallilli/jam/painting/craft/sorting your photos ... by order of Betty!

Singing (Genevieve)

Next meeting 16th June at Kate's. Practising for our next recital for our lucky members!

Walk 'n Talk (Chris F)

Next meeting 11th June at Brandon Country Park. The group will be treated to a picnic there courtesy of the Cookery Group! Cars leaving Sainsbury's at 10.30.

Upcoming Federation Events

9th July: ~~The Food Museum, Stowmarket with coach - £30~~ This has been cancelled

17th July: Get Comfortable Online, Fed Office - £7.50

18th July: Just Add Water, A beginner's watercolour workshop - £30

30th - 31st August: Adventure Weekend, Bunk Up or Camp Out, Horsford - £120

3rd September: Savill Gardens & Runnymede Boat Trip - £75

12th September: Auditions Day, Southery, Downham Market - £22

19th September: Quiz Night, South Wootton - £10

24th September: Puddings, Plonk & Pop, Hethersett - £25

Plus Decorate an Apron Competition, Christmas Card Competition and 100 Norfolk Places Quiz

All details and application forms in your Norfolk WI Magazine.

Next Meeting 25th June

We'll be having a Fund Raising Auction (with Janet as Auctioneer... yay!) with some very desirable lots to bid for. This will be followed by a Tea Party.

The competition: Guess the total amount of funds to be raised from the Auction.