



ATTLEBOROUGH WI

Newsletter June/July 2026

Members' Meeting, 24th June 2026

Kate Edwards welcomed members to her beautiful garden on a lovely sunny (and very hot!) day for this year's garden party, with a welcome cold drink on arrival. The patio looked lovely, with bunting, and balloons and pretty flowers on the tables, with an umbrella over each table providing shade.

Hilda started the meeting by thanking Kate and Paul for having us.



This was followed by a minute's silence while we all remembered our friend and WI member, Chris Fallowfield, who had passed away recently. Kate read out a very poignant poem in remembrance of her dear friend. And then some of us shared a few memories of Chris' kindness and humour.

RIP Chris Fallowfield

After singing Jerusalem we moved straight onto the Business, keen to get to the refreshments part of the meeting! Genevieve gave members a (rather long, I'm afraid) read-out from the recent National Annual Meeting. Clare then up-dated us on the state of our finances – a very healthy £4,608 in the kitty. Reports from the various sub committees followed, details of upcoming meetings are given overleaf.

But before refreshments were served, members were treated to a Summer Medley of songs, sung by the Tena Ladies. Much enjoyed by all (I think!)

In Kate's kitchen was a marvellous spread of sandwiches, sausage rolls, and a wonderful variety of cakes and scones, all prepared by members of the Committee, as well as Barbara, Jenny and Ruth.

Tea and coffee were served by Janet, Bev and Susan.

Hilda had devised a garden quiz and this was distributed so we could all exercise our little grey cells whilst enjoying our tea party. A prize of a fruit basket was awarded to winners, Ruth and Ann, with a marvellous 17 points out of 20.

Our meeting ended with the usual raffle with six lucky winners, greetings to those celebrating birthdays this month, and a thought for the month – in fact, a poem borrowed from Baslow WI entitled "A Woman's Poem" – very amusing.

And we all went home with a smile on our faces at 4pm.

PS: Did anyone leave behind a pair of reading glasses at Kate's? I have them.

Our Sub Groups

Craft (Ruth)

Next meeting: 6th July. Bring your own craft.

Book Club (Clare)

Next meeting: 16th July: The Names, by Florence Knapp

Walk 'n Talk (Carol)

Next meeting: 30th July at Thetford Forest.

Cookery (Hilda)

Next meeting 17th August: Picnic things.

Singing (Genevieve)

Next meeting: To be announced. We're all recovering from our Garden Party exertions!

Outings (Betty)

Our educational outing on 2nd June to King's Lynn, followed by lunch at Heacham Lavender, was very much enjoyed by all. Thanks to Betty for organising the trip.

Betty is taking names for the following two trips:

11th December: Cromer End of Pier Show by coach. £50.

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

Suggestion for next year's educational outing: A River Trip on Wroxham Broads including a visit to Wroxham Miniature Worlds where Margaret Seaman's knitted installations are on display.

Upcoming Federation Events

31st July: Tapas & Fizz evening at ES House. 6pm to 9pm.

16th September: Bridge Taster Day, ES House, 10.30am

18th September: Craft Day, Horsford Cricket Club. 10am to 3.30pm

29th September: Auditions Day, Norfolk Cricket Club, Horsford. 10am to 4pm

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

Future Events

15th July: Coffee Morning at Old Buckenham Country Park

26th August: The Art, Craft & Cookery Show (and our August Meeting) Betty is hoping everyone will enter some or all of the classes!

16th September: WI Day



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Federation Competitions 2026



Campaign Cup Competition:
4 hats for 4 seasons

Creative Writing
Competition: *"If only ..."*

More info: [here](#)

(Another) Thought for the Month

"The greatest gift of life is friendship.
And I have received it"

Hubert H Humphrey

Our Next Meeting: 22nd July:

Linda Scoles with "Around the World in 23 Years, Part 2"

Competition:

An item of travel memorabilia