

September's Report From The Stalham Broads

September started with our Community Event in the form of an Over 50's musical afternoon with live music by Darrin Sore. This was something we had wanted to do for several years but just didn't have the finances to bring it to fruition. However, thanks to a grant from the Town Council to cover the costs of the entertainment, we were finally able to have everything come together. The day of the 3rd September dawned to bright sunshine which seemed to bode well. However, in true Stalham Broads style things weren't going to go to plan. At the appointed time the helpers arrived at The Stalham Poppy Centre only to discover the place was shut up, (no one had advised the Horticultural Society who had a key they needed to open up for us, no one told us either). We did get in eventually 15 minutes later just in time for people to arrive to attend. The rest of the event was relatively organised, but poorly attended, possibly due to the fact it took place on the last week of the school holidays, as it had been well advertised by our secretary (thankfully the aim wasn't to make money but to provide something for the older members of the community). Those who were there enjoyed themselves joining in by singing along to the hits from their youth in 1950's and 60's right up until the 1980's (for once Paula didn't have to go 'nope I wasn't born' for every song).

This month's meeting found us being shown some simple skincare techniques by Donna Cossey, a local beautician and cancer survivor, who gave us a talk and demonstration on skincare for those of us who aren't lucky enough to look youthful naturally. Advising of the importance of cleansing your skin prior to putting on make up especially for anyone who has undergone a major illness. Our willing volunteer for the demonstration was our Treasurer, Rosie Meades, who was transformed with just a skin cleansing and some very small amounts of make up.

Most of our sub groups met this month although as a result of the secretary once again having issues with dates, the craft group failed to meet (dates aren't our secretary's strong point). At least the other two groups met up and the walking group actually didn't use their imaginations ie they actually did some really walking on Mousehold heath in Norwich.

Members were also out and about this month with two members being present at the Federation's Craft Day, four members attending the Macmillian Coffee Morning at Woolovers and a team of five trying and failing to win the Advisers Quiz (we won't comment on our WI knowledge but we do know our music), at least we didn't come last.

Next month as has become a tradition, we will be celebrating our birthday and will be entertained by Jane Hogger a former Bluebell Girl, when at least one member of the committee has decided to sit as far away from the front as possible just in case there are any Can-Can demonstrations.