



ATTLEBOROUGH WI

Newsletter March/April 2025



Welcome, dear members, to this newsletter, now taking the place of the usual, rather dry, old minutes, detailing our previous month's meeting. Your comments on it, and any contributions – photos, news etc – will always be most welcome - Ed

Members' meeting: Wednesday 26th March at 1.30pm

We **welcomed** lots of visitors this month: Kate Lloyd, Ronnie Kingston-Miles, Susan Davy, Veronica Pell, Carol Cousins and Jill Waters, a couple of whom have now joined – welcome.

A few **apologies**: Eileen, Tilly, Jenny A, Bobbie, Dorothy, and Janet Wright.

President Hilda signed the previous month's Record of the meeting.

Our **speaker** was Linda Scoles whose talk was entitled "Around the World in 23 Years". Linda arrived with a small stepladder which had us intrigued until she unfolded it, and then stood on it: what a wonderful idea – we could all see and hear her clearly. What a speaker: she talked fluently, and so amusingly about her early years of marriage to a US Air Force officer, having us in stitches from the start, covering their posting to Guam and visit to Japan. But that was as far as she got in the time permitting, leaving us all itching for more. We'll definitely ask Linda to return so we can hear the rest.

Before refreshments, Hilda presented **Mary Nichols** with a card from us all congratulating her on an amazing 50 years in the WI, not just as a member but also in various committee roles.

Refreshment time proved a bit of a challenge as we didn't have access to the kitchen but the helpers, Maggie, Chris H and Heather did a marvellous job, and we had some delicious cakes thanks to the leftovers from the Book Sale!

Correspondence from Federation Office was read out by the Secretary and upcoming events were displayed on the noticeboard. We have received an invitation from Scole WI to a Summer supper with Pimms, with entertainment by the Rogue Shanty Buoys taking place on 15 May in Scole at 7pm. Anyone wishing to go should contact Genevieve.

Treasurer Ann told us that we made a total of £228 at the Book Fair – thanks to all those who kindly volunteered to help over the two days and who baked the delicious cakes.

Ann also asked discussed the issue of receipts: these are required for our subs, and for outings receipts should be documented. Those who pay by BACS and cheques do not need written receipts, but if paying by cash then you can ask for a written receipt. We all voted by a show of hands that we are happy with this. Ann has a book of WI raffle tickets – great prizes. Tickets are £1 and will be available at our next meeting.

(See separate boxes overleaf for our reports from the sub Committees and Future Events)

Our **competition** – a holiday souvenir – was won by Rosemary with her lovely picture of her waving from amongst a lot of monks in India!

Brilliant **Thoughts for the Month** from Betty and Hilda – I'm just sorry I don't have room to reproduce them here.

We ended with just one item for **Any Other Business**: Hilda mentioned the Emergency forms for members which we hold – just in case of accidents in the Town Hall. We are asked to check if these need updating, and for new members to provide, if happy to do so, next of kin details.

Our meeting ended at 3.45pm.

Outings

18th June: Betty reminded us of our upcoming outing to Bury St Edmunds on 18th June and asked for names, including those who wished to go on the tour of the Cathedral.

12th December: Cromer End of Pier show which will be on 12 December at £50.

13th June: Barbara is organising a trip to the Priscilla Bacon Lodge cafe and gardens. A total of 14 of us are interested in going and we agreed a date of Friday 13th June at 10am. Lifts can be organised.

Book Club

Next meeting 2nd April, discussing "A Bird in Winter". Clare mentioned that the club cannot unfortunately take any more members at the moment.

Craft Group

Next meeting 7th April making Easter Chicks. No meeting in May. And in June, making a needlecase with Betty

Cookery

Next meeting 19th May. Our last meeting – to celebrate St Patrick's Day - was well attended. Great presentations by Clare, Bridget and Hilda.

Walk 'n Talk

Next meeting 16th April for a walk along Thetford river. Meet at Sainsbury's at 10.30. Our last meeting, led by Carol, was on a beautiful day around the lanes of Old Buckenham, with refreshments afterwards at Old Buckenham Country Park. Lovely!

Singing

Next meeting 22nd April at Kate's house (thanks, as always Kate, for hosting us). We're all in fine voice and having a lot of fun!

Future Events

4th April: Coffee Morning from 10am at The Black Door cafe in Attleborough.

12th April: Spring Fair at St Mary's Church from 10am to 11.30am. Thanks for your donations. Further donations would also be very welcome – drop off at the Fair on the day. And same goes for cakes for the cake stall. Do come and support us on the day too.

17th April: Guiltcross meeting at Old Buckenham Village Hall at 7.30pm. Speaker: Lynton Johnson on plants. He will have plants for sale. Competition: a garden on a plate. £2 entry fee.

26th & 27th April: Centenary Salver Competition at Honingham Village Hall. All the entries are fabulous and we will have our own entry on display. Fingers crossed!

8th May: New Members' Get Together at 10am in the Town Hall. Come and chat with members of the Committee. All welcome.

4th June: National Annual Meeting, livestreamed at Theatre Royal Norwich. You can come and watch it in comfort in my house from 10am, dipping in and out of the meeting as you wish. Let me (Genevieve) know if you'd like to come.

Next meeting: 23rd April

Speaker: Saffron Summerfield
on "When the Birds Sing"
– an illustrated talk on bird song.

The competition is a photo or a picture of a bird.

