



ATTLEBOROUGH WI

Newsletter February/March 2026

Members' Meeting, 25th February 2026

We had a little pep talk from our President Hilda at the start of the meeting: no chatting while someone was addressing members, phones off and don't forget your lanyards! Members were also asked to complete a contact form, if they so wished, for use in an emergency.

Unfortunately our speaker originally booked for the meeting was unable to make it so Betty very kindly stepped in to the breach with a Beetle Drive. There were a few members who were not able to come to the meeting, but the rest of us were very keen to get on with the game. Six frantic beetles later, three winners were awarded prizes, and the person with the lowest points was awarded a wooden spoon! Great fun! Thank you, Betty, for organising such a fun activity, and at the last minute.

Our tea ladies, Jenny, Heather and Barbara served us with refreshments, and provided some delicious home-made cakes (thanks to Kate E as well).

On with the business. We approved the read-out of our last meeting in January, and there were no matters arising. Quite a lot of correspondence from Fed Office, including a new bulb catalogue – please see Eileen who has the catalogue, and order forms. Other upcoming events are detailed overleaf. We have also received a letter from the Priscilla Bacon Hospice thanking us for our latest donation of £149.67 – monies collected at our meetings and from donations to the charity on the occasion of Betty's birthday.

See overleaf for details of our various groups' meetings, and upcoming events.

Our meeting ended as always with the raffle, birthday wishes (Happy birthday, Pam!) and a couple of thoughts for the month. Kate had a fun comment and Betty a few ideas of what to say when it's raining! Genevieve added a thought from the recently departed Jesse Jackson: "Never look down on anybody unless you're helping them up".



The WI Lottery

Support our WI. Buy a lottery ticket for the chance to win up to £25,000.

We have so far earned over £40 for WI funds this year from ticket holders.

For more information click [on this link](#)

Our Sub Groups

Craft (Ruth)

Next meeting: 2nd March. Iris Folding.

Note: No meeting in April but meeting on 4th May

Book Club (Clare)

Next meeting: 19th March. Book "Dead Simple" by Peter Jones

Walk 'n Talk (Chris)

Next meeting: 30th March, meeting at Hilda's for an Easter Treasure Hunt (time to be confirmed)

Cookery (Hilda)

Next meeting: 20th April: Chocolate – demos and tastings.

And note our visit to the Goat Shed confirmed for 8th May.

Singing (Genevieve)

Next meeting: 4th March at Kate's

Outings (Betty)

2nd June: Our educational outing, to King's Lynn, to The Old Jail House and Trues Yard, then onto Norfolk Lavender for lunch – all free except for your lunch. Further details to follow.

Members were also keen to thank Betty for organising such an enjoyable outing to see "Carousel" on 24th February.

Remember, please let Betty have a photos you take at any of our activities and sub groups for our 90th Birthday Scrapbook

Future Events

18th March: Coffee Morning at Old Buckenham Country Park

3rd & 4th April Book Fair at the Town Hall, serving refreshments

16th April: Guiltcross Meeting in Old Buckenham Village Hall. Speaker will be Matt Squance talking about Drag and the Power of Make-up. £2 entry fee.

18th April: Spring Fair at St Mary's – donations, please at the March meeting

22nd April: Federation Annual meeting at Theatre Royal. Headline Speaker: author Joanne Harris. Contact Clare/Genevieve for observer tickets.

25th April: Market Charter at St Mary's, 11am – 4pm – WI promotion

6th May: CPR Training for Attleborough WI with East Anglian Air Ambulance in the Town Hall.

Upcoming Federation Events

19th March: Get Comfortable Online, 1030 to 1230, ES House

10th March: Auditions Day, 10am to 4pm. Southery Village Hall, Downham Market

11th and 12th April: Centenary Salver Competition, Honingham Village Hall (Note: Attleborough WI will have an entry for this competition – do come and see us there)

20th April: Resolutions Meeting, ES House

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

Our Next Meeting: Wednesday 25th March

The speaker will be Maria Pennington talking about The History of Pearls



The competition is a shell (and don't forget to wear your own favourite pearls).

