



ATTLEBOROUGH WI

Newsletter May/June 2026

Members' Meeting, 27th May 2026

Our Vice President, Eileen, welcomed members and visitors to our May meeting. Quite a few members away on holidays this month, including Hilda (our President) but it was lovely to welcome a new member, Pat Smithers, and a couple of visitors, Pauline Garrard and Rachel Denson.

We moved straight on to the first item on the agenda: presentations of the two proposed WI resolutions on which we were required to vote. Ann Kirkness discussed the first: Accessible public toilet facilities to promote dignity, health and social inclusion, and Genevieve the second: Action on women's homelessness. Members then voted on these resolutions as follows: Accessible public toilet facilities: For 29 votes, Against 0 votes, and no votes for giving the delegate discretion on voting at the Annual Meeting. On Action on women's homelessness, 23 people voted For, 0 against and 5 votes for delegate discretion. Our delegate (Genevieve) will vote accordingly for Attleborough WI (as well as for two other linked WIs) at the Annual Meeting on 4th June.

Next, our ladies on the refreshments roster, Janet Wright, Pam Nash and Nuala Wilson kindly served us tea and coffee, together with some delicious cakes. Then we were all ready to play Bingo! Janet Potter was our compere – a seasoned bingo player, who explained the rules clearly and kept us all on track. Members were unusually quiet while we all kept eyes down and concentrated on the numbers. Several lucky members were winners and received little prizes.

Then back to business. Our record of our previous meeting on 29th April was approved by members. Since that meeting, the trainer from the East Anglia Air Ambulance had provided CPR and defib training for some 14 members on 4th May. This training was in line with the current WI resolution: Bystanders can be Lifesavers. The session was clear and instructive and very worth while.

Genevieve then outlined the latest information from Federation Office – details of events overleaf; and Clare gave us an update on the our finances. Reports from the various sub committees followed and dates of next meetings and more information is again given overleaf.

Pat O'Mahony has kindly offered the sale of her book of poems to members at £5 each, the proceeds of which will go to Priscilla Bacon Lodge.

We finished with the raffle, and a couple of thoughts for the month, one of which, from Hilda was:
"When I get old, they're never gonna say "what a sweet old lady!"
They're going to say : What on earth is she up to now?!"



And we all went home with a smile on our faces at 3.30pm.

Our Sub Groups

Craft (Ruth)

Next meeting: 1st June: A craft bin, led by Susan Davey, or BYO work

Book Club (Clare)

Next meeting: 18th June: The Instrumentalist by Harriet Constable

Walk 'n Talk (Chris)

Next meeting: 30th June at Kenninghall. Our last meeting on 19th May was from Kate's home to the Asparagus farm, and Kate very kindly treated members to a delicious lunch afterwards. Thank you, Kate.

Cookery (Hilda)

Next meeting 15th June: Salads, with demonstrations

Singing (Genevieve)

Next meeting: 1st June at 2pm at Kate's. The group is practicing hard for our performance at June's Garden Party.

Outings (Betty)

2nd June: Our educational outing

Coach leaving Queen's Square at 9.30am (please be at the bus stop in good time) to King's Lynn; visit The Old Gaol House then at 1.15pm coach onto Norfolk Lavender for lunch – all free except for your lunch. We leave Heacham at 4.15 to return to Attleborough at about 5pm.



Upcoming Federation Events

10th June: New Members' meeting at ES House, 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Come and find out what the WI is all about. A fun and informal get together.

15th June: Crafternoon Tea at ES House, 10am to 3.30pm

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

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

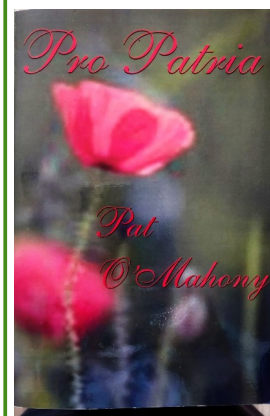
Future Events

4th June: National Annual Meeting, 10.30am to 4.30pm. This will be screened virtually at Genevieve's home. Come along and watch for some or all of the day. Refreshments will be served. Please let Genevieve know if you'd like to come.

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

Pat's Book of Poems

On sale for £5 with proceeds to Priscilla Bacon Lodge



Our Next Meeting:

24th June: Our Summer Garden Party at Kate's

Kate has once again opened her gorgeous garden to us for our June meeting. There'll be lots of lovely eats and refreshments, and a suitably Summery quiz provided by Hilda. Don't forget to wear a lovely summer's hat. (No games as mentioned in programme)