



# ATTLEBOROUGH WI

Newsletter April/May 2025



## Members' meeting: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 1.30pm

Welcome to our new members who have just joined: Susan Davey, Bev Hamilton, Maggie Hart and Veronica Pell. Lovely to have you with us. We also welcomed Marie Newson as a visitor to our meeting. A few **apologies**: Doreen, Bev, Debbie and Bobbie.

President Hilda signed the previous month's Record of the meeting (contained in our March/April Newsletter). Members were delighted to hear that we made £338 at our Spring Fair – all going towards our outing this year. Thanks to all our bakers, donations, and helpers on the day. The Guiltcross meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> April was a fun event, with lots of Attleborough WI members going. The speaker, Lynton Johnson was very entertaining on the subject of plants. Later he judged the competition and which Janet Potter won with her wonderful Garden on a Plate composition.

We had hoped to have Saffron Summerfield speak to us at our meeting about bird song, but unfortunately her car had a puncture on the way and she couldn't make it. (It is hoped she will come to a future meeting.) So we juggled things around, did a bit of business, ending with our Singing Group, the Tenor Ladies, performing with gusto a couple of Easter/Spring themed songs. Much enjoyed by our members (I think!). Tea and coffee followed, with some delicious cakes left over from the Spring Fair. Whilst everyone was in a talkative mood, a fun quiz – "Find someone who ..." - was distributed, leading to a quite a lot of decibels.

Then we settled down to a bit more business. Hilda told members that the Town Hall wished to charge users in future for the putting out and away of chairs and tables for functions. This will cost £12.50 each time. The alternative would be to do it ourselves at each meeting, something everyone felt was not feasible given the number of members attending each meeting, and all agreed that this was a reasonable cost which our funds could bear. The Cookery group thought that attendees (some 9 or 10) could manage to move tables and chairs for their meetings, but for the Craft Group, with more ladies attending, it might be difficult. After some discussion, it was decided to see how ladies managed with moving the furniture at their next meeting in June and make a decision after that.

The raffle followed, with six lucky winners, then Hilda announced the future birthdays amongst us. The winner of the competition (a picture of a bird) was won by Jenny Boyce. Kate Edwards kindly brought in lots of little tomato plants for members, with donations for the plants gifted to WI funds. Thank you Kate. We finished with several Thoughts for the Month which resulted in much laughter.

Our meeting ended at 3.45pm.

## Next Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> May

We'll be discussing the proposed WI Resolution for 2025: Bystanders can be Lifesavers

There are over 30,000 out of hospital cardiac arrests a year in the UK and less than one in ten people survive. Women have a lower chance of surviving than men. Early cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and defibrillating can more than double the chances of survival. We call on WI members to work together to increase public confidence and training in the delivery of CPR and to work with local organisations to help to improve access to defibrillators in their communities to give every person the best chance of surviving a cardiac arrest.

**Followed by BINGO with Janet!**

### Outings

**13<sup>th</sup> June:** Barbara is organising this trip to the Priscilla Bacon Lodge cafe and gardens. Lifts can be organised.

**18<sup>th</sup> June:** Bury St Edmunds: Betty has names of those interested. There is still room if you'd like to go on the Cathedral tour. Tour costs £7, payable at May meeting. Please let her know if you'd like to join the tour.

**12<sup>th</sup> December:** Cromer End of Pier show. If you are going on this, please pay your £50 to Ann at the May meeting. Places available; let Betty know if interested.

**Date to be decided:** Visit to Hotters in Norwich. Betty to work out a date with them.

### Future Events

**7<sup>th</sup> May:** Coffee Morning from 10am at The Black Door cafe in Attleborough.

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

**4<sup>th</sup> June:** National Annual Meeting, (now no longer to be live streamed at the Theatre Royal). You can come and watch it in my house any time from 10am, dipping in and out of the meeting as you wish. Let me (Genevieve) know if and when you'd like to come.

**27<sup>th</sup> August:** Art, Craft & Cookery Show (our August meeting): Betty distributed schedules for the Show and hoped that everyone would enter at least one class!

### Book Club (Clare)

Next meeting 1st May reading "The Housemaid" by Freida McFadden.

### Craft Group (Ruth)

Next meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> June (no meeting in May) making a needlecase with Betty

### Cookery (Hilda)

Next meeting 19<sup>th</sup> May, learning how to dress a crab. Hilda took orders for those wishing to buy a crab (or two) at the meeting.

### Singing (Genevieve)

Next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> May at Kate's. To include discussions on our next recital for our lucky members!

### Walk 'n Talk (Chris F)

Next meeting 14<sup>th</sup> May in Sheringham Park to see the rhododendrons (and walk and talk) followed by a visit to the cafe

### Largest Poppy Made from Handprints

Attleborough Royal British Legion is attempting to break the Guinness Book of Records for the world's largest poppy made out of handprints.

We thought Attleborough WI could contribute and collect our own prints at our next meeting in May. You can draw round your hand and paint/colour it in in red and cut it out, or paint your hand red, press on to paper and cut it out. We will collect your prints and drop them off with RBL. Red paper will also be available at our meeting in May and you could do it then.

### Upcoming Federation Events

14<sup>th</sup> June: Photo Safari Around Norwich - £8

10<sup>th</sup> July: The Food Museum, Stowmarket with coach - £30

17<sup>th</sup> July: Get Comfortable Online, Fed Office - £7.50

18<sup>th</sup> July: Just Add Water, A beginner's watercolour workshop - £30

30<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> August: Adventure Weekend, Bunk Up or Camp Out, Horsford - £120

Plus Decorate an Apron Competition, Christmas Card Competition and 100 Norfolk Places Quiz

All details and application forms in your Norfolk WI Magazine.