



ATTLEBOROUGH WI

Newsletter

October/November 2025



Members' Meeting Wednesday 22nd October at 1.30pm

We celebrated our 89th Birthday at our October meeting, with practically a full house of members coming.

We were pleased to welcome visitors Rachel, Melanie, and Valerie, as well as three guests from Old Buckenham WI, Susan, Barbara and Debbie. There were apologies from JJ, Pat, Maggie and Marie. On arrival members were handed forms to complete to nominate members for the 2026 committee ahead of the Annual Meeting next month when a new Committee will be voted in.

Jerusalem sung (beautifully, as always), the celebrations started, with our entertainer for the afternoon, singer Suzie Q. Suzie sang a variety of songs from musicals, and members joined in with enthusiasm. We were given a quiz sheet in order to guess the name of the musical being sung – I suspect quite a lot of cheating went on, but, at the end, Suzie said we were all winners and distributed little Oscar statuettes for each of us.



We were ready for refreshments after all our singing and we were treated to a wonderful spread of savoury finger food, provided by our Committee. Our tea ladies as usual did a great job, and Hilda thanked the committee for providing such delicious treats, and Barbara, Rosemary and Chris H for their efforts serving the tea and coffee.

On to the business, and Hilda signed the record of our meeting in September, with no matters arising.

Genevieve then outlined the upcoming events organised by Federation Office – details of which are overleaf. Hilda had received a letter from the Priscilla Bacon Hospice thanking us for our donations totalling a marvellous sum of £696; this was collected over the past few months thanks to our fund raising Coffee morning, tin rattling by our members outside Tesco recently and from our collections at our monthly meetings.

Ann, our Treasurer, reported that our Accounts are in good order and the yearly account has been submitted to and now approved by the auditor. Members were keen to thank Ann for her hard work.

Those leading the various Sub Committees then gave their reports and the dates of their next meetings are given overleaf, as are details of our future events.

Both Barbara Fisher and Margaret Addy very kindly said that we could auction their beautiful creations – a lovely child's dress, and a knitted Paddington Bear respectively – with the amount raised going to the Priscilla Bacon Hospice. So thank you to the two very kind members who bought these wonderful items.

There were a couple of other business items for members to think about: the resolution for this year is Bystanders can be Lifesavers and Genevieve asked if there was interest in undertaking a CPR training session with St Johns Ambulance/Air Ambulance sometime next year. A good number of members were interested and Genevieve will look into this. Genevieve also asked members if they would like to join a Get Comfortable Online training session which could be arranged in the library, again in the new year. Several members confirmed interest, and Genevieve will arrange this.

The meeting ended at 4pm, after this month's birthdays were announced and a couple of amusing Thoughts for the Month were read out. Here's another one:

Count your life by smiles, not tears. Count your age by friends, not years.

Happy Birthday Attleborough WI!

Outings (Betty)

12th December: Cromer End of Pier show.

Next year: An educational outing to Norwich Castle with, possibly, an open top bus (weather permitting) trip was proposed; the majority of members approved. Betty to look into this.

Potters Short Break, 2026?

Barbara suggested a long weekend away at Potters Holiday Park at Hopton on Sea late next year. A three night all inclusive holiday would cost in the region of £700 pp, shared room. A deposit of 20% would be needed. Ten members were interested. Barbara will give us more details in due course.

Click [here](#) for Potters website.

Future Events

31st October/1st November: Book Fair at the Town Hall. Thanks to all who will be baking for the cake stall.

8th November: Autumn Fair at St. Mary's Church on Saturday 8th November. Thanks for your contributions for the stalls.

19th November: Coffee morning at OB Country Park

17th December: Our Christmas Lunch at The Crown, Great Ellingham. Two courses £30 (to be paid for by/ or at our November meeting).



Book Club (Clare)

Next meeting: 20th November, 1.30pm @ the library.
Reading "The Marriage Portrait" by Maggie O'Farrell

Craft Group (Ruth)

Next meeting: 3rd November. Crafting snowflakes with Wendy. £3 for craft items; free hall.

Cookery (Hilda)

Next meeting: Christmas lunch for Cookery Club members on 14th November at Bressingham Garden Centre.



Singing (Genevieve)

Next meeting 12th November. We'll be practising some more for the Christmas Celebration.

Walk 'n Talk (Chris F)

Next walk on 13th November to Horsey to see the seals!



Upcoming Federation Events

30th October: New Members Meeting at Evelyn Suffield House

4th November: Tubing, Coffee & Cake - £25

13th November: Four Corners Craft Day at Evelyn Suffield House - £25

20th November: Cambridge Day Trip - £23

27th November: Let's Get It Out Into the Open, No more violence against women. Free event at ES House.

4th December: The John Lewis Christmas Event – book direct with John Lewis

15-17th March 2026: Royal Opera House trip - £440

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

Singing along lustily!! Though someone appears to have their hands over their ears!

**Our next Meeting:
26th November**

Annual Meeting