



ATTLEBOROUGH WI

Newsletter November/December 2025

Members' Meeting, Annual Meeting and Christmas Celebration Wednesday 26th November at 1.30pm

We were delighted to welcome several visitors to our busy meeting this month: our WI Adviser, Meg Dorling, as well as "Aunty Pam", Ronnie, Rachel and Melanie, with just a few apologies from Veronica Pell, Tilly Grant, Wendy Round, Janet Potter and Kathleen Burgess. There was lots to get through at this meeting, so having confirmed everyone was happy with the previous month's newsletter and meeting read-out, we moved through the business side of things quickly. Members were informed of the latest correspondence from Fed Office as well as information on the funeral of a former WI member. JJ told us about a coffee morning at St Mary's Church run by Attleborough Day Care Centre on 8th December from 10am. There were short reports from the groups' activities (next meeting dates overleaf) and Betty reminded members that if going to the Cromer End of Pier Show on 12th December, they should be at the bus stop at Queen's Square at 10.40am.

Our Annual meeting was next, and this is detailed overleaf. After the AM, Meg Dorling, our new Adviser, spoke briefly about her background and how she came to be a WI Adviser. She is happy to help with any queries we may have on the running of our WI.

Everyone was very ready by now for their refreshments. We were treated to a choice of tea, coffee or lovely warm mulled wine together with some delicious mince pies made by Hilda and Christmas cake (Lidl!). Our tea ladies, Kate L, Janet and Pam, did a great job serving us all.

Fully refreshed, we were all ready for a Christmas singalong.

The Tena Ladies led with a Christmas round and then everyone joined in the Christmas songs, with the help of the words up on the television for all to see. In between the songs, we had some really amusing and seasonal readings by members of the Book Club: Betty read out an alternative Letter from the Corinthians; Chris H had a short story entitled Cat v. Christmas tree and Maggie read out a wonderful Pam Ayres poem. Fabulous stuff. The Tena Ladies finished off our Christmas Celebration with a rendition of We Wish You a Merry Christmas!

Our Members' Meeting ended with the usual raffle, birthday readouts and a couple of really funny Thoughts for the Month. A really enjoyable last meeting of the year.

Christmas Lunch

We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 17th December, 1230 for 1pm at The Crown in Great Ellingham.

And our next Members' Meeting in 2026 is on 28th January when we will have a Solicitor, Chris Brown, telling us about "The Case for Defence".



Annual Meeting 2025

At 1.45pm, we moved on to the serious business of the Annual meeting. Ann Kirkness read out her Financial Report for the year (copies of her report were available to members on the tables at the meeting.) She reported a very healthy state of financial affairs for our WI over the past year. Ann also asked for a vote on whether we should sponsor the Attleborough Christmas Lights this year to the tune of £100 (as on previous years). The majority voted yes to this. The adoption of the Financial Report was proposed by Hilda; a large number of members voted by a show of hands and Jackie Harrison acted as Secunder. The Committee Annual Report was next, presented by the Secretary, Genevieve. This was a round up of our WI's meetings and activities during the year. Hilda proposed the adoption of the report; there was a show of hands by members, with Chris Harrison as Secunder. Finally, we heard the Presidents Report. Hilda thanked the Committee for their hard work during the year and the members for their support. We then moved on to the election of the Committee; our Adviser, Meg, confirmed to members that the current Committee is willing to continue en bloc. Voting slips were distributed to all members to vote on the next President. Hilda confirmed to Meg that she was happy to continue as President for the next year. Meg announced the good news that Hilda is our President for the upcoming year to resounding applause. Chris Fallowfield kindly gave a vote to thanks to the Committee for all they had done over the past year. The Annual meeting ended at 2.15pm.

Our Sub Groups

Craft Group (Ruth)

Next meeting: 1st December, making name badges.
No meeting in January, after that 2nd February.

Book Club (Clare)

Next meeting: 11th December

Walk 'n Talk (Chris F)

Dates and places for next year to be discussed at December lunch

Cookery (Hilda)

Next meeting: 16th February.
Proposed visit to the Goat Shed

at end April
(when there may be kids ie baby goats!)

Singing (Genevieve)

Next meeting: 3rd December, singing and lunch
at Kate's

Outings (Betty)

12th December: Cromer End of Pier Show.
Meet at 10.40am sharp at the Queen's Square
bus stop.

Future Events

21st January: Coffee morning at Old
Buckenham Country Park

2nd February: Get Comfortable Online for
Attleborough. Town Hall from 1pm to 3pm.

Upcoming Federation Events

21st January: Zoom Panto, Jack and the
Beanstalk. 7.30pm. £1

12th February: Learn about the Learning Hub.
Workshop at ES House 10.30 to 12.30pm. £8.

15th to 17th March: Tour of the Royal Opera
House, Covent Garden Visit and two night stay,
travelling by train. £440

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

