



ATTLEBOROUGH WI

Newsletter August/September 2026

Members' Meeting and Art, Craft & Cookery Show, 25th August 2026



For many of us, it was an early start: Committee were there at the Town Hall setting up the rooms ready for the Show, and members entering their exhibits needed to drop off their entries early, before the judges started their work at 10am. It is just wonderful to see the huge variety of skills on show - who knew chocolate cakes could all look so different! Our judges, Hilda judging the Cookery (gosh, she had her work cut out), Susan Hunter, the Art & Photography and Pots, Vases & Floral Art, and Margaret and Marilyn the Handicraft classes. Paula from the Council (and who makes all our Hall bookings for us) was there to present the prizes to the winners. Very many congratulations to Kate Edwards who was awarded most points for all her wonderful entries.

Thank you Betty for organising the show, and to everyone for contributing to another successful Art, Craft & Cookery Show.

At our meeting in the afternoon, Hilda welcomed two visitors, Stevie Green and Elaine Lehman, and thanked our tea hostesses, Jackie, Rachel and Bev.

Then followed the presentation of prizes by Paula to the winners:

Kate won first prize for three (yes, THREE) classes: the Photography & Art and the Pots, Vases & Floral Art, and Cookery. And Jenny won the Handicraft prize. Very well done to you both. We had the added element this year of the People's Choice, and you chose Kate, Betty and Janet. After all that excitement it was time for tea and coffee and cake. In addition to cake, we had a Mystery Tasting: four different types of shortbread - three from supermarkets and one home made. The outcome was interesting: most liked the Waitrose one best, followed by Lidl's, then Sainsbury's. But everyone guessed home-made shortbread - easily the winner - made by our very own shortbread aficionado, Bridget. Thank you Bridget!

We had lots of Business to get through. On the financial front, our balance is £5601.12. If anyone would like a diary and calendar for next year, please see Ann. And a reminder for those going to Cromer to pay for the trip - £50.

Details on future events and the Sub Committee meetings are overleaf.

Our Sub Groups

Craft (Ruth)

Next meeting: **7th September, 9.30am, Town Hall**
Bring your own craft.

Book Club (Clare)

Next meeting: **17th September, 1.30pm, Library**
Robert Harris, "Precipice"

Walk 'n Talk (Carol)

Next meeting: **3rd September, 10am Sainsburys**
Whitlingham Broad

Cookery (Hilda)

Next meeting **19th October, 10am, Town Hall**
Making Sausages with Maggie

Singing (Genevieve)

Next meeting: **2nd September, 10am at Kate's**
Practising for our Birthday Party rendition

Future Events

4th September, 10am. VIA course at Genevieve's house

16th September: WI Day and our Coffee Morning which we'll celebrate at Old Buckenham Country Park from 10am.
Wear Purple!

17th September, 7.30pm: Guiltcross Meeting at Old Buckenham Town Hall. £6 entry which includes a Harvest Supper

26th September: Scarecrow Competition (Ann). We'll get to see the scarecrow at our September meeting.

28th October: Our 90th Birthday, when we'll celebrate with a lunch from 1200 at the Town Hall ahead of our meeting. Lunch will be baked potatoes and fillings, and puddings. Games will be played!

End October/Beg November: Dogs Trust Book Fair where we'll have a refreshment stall.

March 2027: A Craft & Flower Arranging Day.
This will involve hand embroidery with tutor Sheelagh Foulke in the morning, followed by lunch, then a flower arranging demo in the afternoon. The cost will be in the region of £25 pp.
More info to follow.

Outings (Betty)

11th December: Cromer End of Pier Show by coach. £50. Payment due by end August.

26th January: "Crazy for You" Norwich Theatre. £37, payable asap.

8th June 2027: Our educational outing: A River Trip on Southern Comfort Paddle Steamer from Horning. Lunch/shopping in Wroxham.

Other WIs Events:

10th September 7-9pm: Caston WI Charity Fashion Show. Caston Village Hall. £5 entry

17th October, 10am - 3pm: Fincham & District WI Craft Participation Day in Wereham Village Hall. £35 for the day inc lunch and craft kit.

See Genevieve for more info

Our Next Meeting: 23rd September

**Our Speaker will be Julie Porter
with a
Murder
Mystery**



Maggie's Thought for the Month: A Maths Problem

Lisa is a 57 year old post-menopausal woman, and is trying to start her day with 30g of protein, walk 10,000 steps, get 8 hours of sleep a night and drink 3 litres of water a day.
How long will it take Lisa to give up and open a bottle of wine?