

July's Report From The Stalham Broads WI

What a glorious month July has been with the sun shining and the skies clear for much of the month. The perfect weather for an outdoor event...

The 4th July saw us celebrating with our second Garden Party event. This time it took place in Stalham at the home of one of our committee members. Members, partners and friends were invited to attend and around 20 turned up to be entertained with a 4th of July quiz, naturally on the USA, where we were asked 10 questions. Unfortunately, the quiz was lacking three of the answers (it's ok, most of us knew the answers and there were no chocolates at stake so no one complained), and the feast of an afternoon tea provided by the committee (and one other who brought a Norfolk Scone with her) also helped. The cakes were amazing and the two trays of sandwiches disappeared faster than expected apparently, they were that good (someone has hidden talents beyond her usual troublemaking skills). The scone didn't however inspire as it was felt to be a bit too dense despite being made to a WI recipe (so much for all WI recipes working perfectly).

There was much amusement as usual with this month's Newsletter as once again our secretary managed to have issues with dates (this happens regularly and has become a running joke) although there were more errors than normal admittedly. She claims there are either gremlins in her laptop or they are deliberate mistakes but, as we all know, that's not the case, it's just a poor attempt at trying to get rid of the job.

At our monthly meeting we once again welcomed Peter Lawrence to talk on one of the many wide ranging subjects he has in his collection. This time we learnt all about the underground goings on in London, from the 'lost' rivers and streams to the postal railway. Peter never fails to entertain and no doubt we will see him once or maybe even several times in the future especially as he lives only a few miles down the A149.

Only two of our sub groups met this month. This was due to our Craft group host being away (she was also away for the monthly meeting meaning someone had to stand in as treasurer, maybe that was why the dates on the newsletter were wrong, it was an attempt by the secretary to get out of looking after the money, it failed before you ask). The walkers took their idea 'walking' loosely once again this month with an attempt at becoming the 'Tiger Woods' of the WI world with a round of crazy golf in Mundesley on the 28th (sorry 29th), well they do say golf is a good walk spoilt so it does sort of fit (they should be doing proper walks for the next two months, both of which are already being planned). Those walkers do seem to have a massive amount of pink elastic where walking is concerned.

We've also had a stall at the Stalham Artisan Fair (19th July) when once again the various crafters produced some amazing items for sale to boost our bank balance.

We are now entering the busy period for the committee who are currently not only starting to work on next year's programme of speakers and activities, looking at venues for the Christmas meal meeting and starting work on organising this year's 5th Birthday, which as usual will be celebrated a month early due to the Annual Meeting but, are also in the middle of planning a 'large' community event for the over 50's of the local area,