

With our usual meeting place, the Stalham Town Hall, undergoing much needed renovation (which typically overran; just another challenge to add to Stalham's ever growing list but one the committee were prepared for) we had to go on our travels to one of our former venues in the school room of Stalham's Baptist Church. Despite the glorious weather outside it was good to see so many in attendance. It was also nice not to have to stress over an electric meter running out (the Town Hall had a card payment meter which usually ran out mid-way through a meeting) and thankfully the meter has been removed as a result of the renovations, much to the delight of our treasurer and our budget.

The talk this month was on 'The History of the Norfolk Broads' by Pete Goodrum. This covered from prehistoric times to more or less the present day - a massive topic it is true. Thankfully the talk was only limited highlights, but despite that, it still proved to be a very informative, entertaining and well-presented talk, covering from how the Broads could have looked back in prehistoric times, who was responsible for their formation (they have been confirmed to be flooded manmade peat diggings) and how the tourist industry has moulded them since the early 1900's. It also included a little anecdote about Admiral Lord Nelson, who being Norfolk born and bred, possibly spoke with a Norfolk accent - makes you think which other famous people had regional accents!

It was announced that we are now in the process of organising two fundraising/social events. The first is one of the ever-popular bingo sessions on 20th June and another as yet undecided event on 5th September. Our secretary will once more need to brush up on her bingo lingo for June (she is the one with the vocal skills and therefore designated bingo caller).

The meeting was also our chance as a WI to vote on this year's resolution on Dental Health it was very clear most members felt there is a need for the WI to promote this issue, with the vote being unanimously in favour of supporting it.

Following the formation of our walking group last month the Committee are still keen to expand what we provide to our members in addition to the monthly meetings. It was also announced that the formation of a new crafting sub-group is now in the planning stages. Quite what form it will take is yet to be decided, but the hope is for it to start up in the next month or so. This will bring our sub-groups to five, all of which provide something different to cater for all, and hopefully expand interests for the members.