

December is for celebrating, it is also for surprises (more on those later). It is the one month of the year when The Stalham Broads do not hold an official meeting, instead we have a Christmas Meal as close to our meeting day as we can manage (usually this is the Tuesday). The meal allows the committee (especially the three officers) a chance to socialise with the rest of the members without the worry of having to pretend to know what is going on (there is a lot of pretending going on at times especially where one of the three is concerned).

This year 28 members found their way to The Boat House at Rollesby for an afternoon of fun, laughter and surprises. As usual our resident naughty elf, also known as our secretary Paula, had been plotting behind everyone's back (even the President is not informed, it is that secret) and gave all attendees a small personal gift which included a plastic duck along with some more sensible items. However, this wasn't the only surprise she had planned. The shocked looks on the faces when she arrived were memorable. For once, it was proved she does have legs, and even owns shoes with a heel (photographic proof is even available on our Facebook page and in our two groups) ie a dress was worn!

With the surprises and shock out of the way, things turned to the meal and chat. The meal went without any problems (unlike other events, but then we won't mention the cake stand at the December ladies that lunch). The food was plentiful, delicious and well presented. The chat seemed to cover everything from the upcoming resolution vote to pantos, who was the youngest member of The Stalham Broads WI, and of course those ducks.

Everyone was also on their best behaviour, well we were sharing the room with two other groups (a bit of WI advertising may have taken place, but we will have to wait to see if it works). No mishaps occurred which makes a change. Unfortunately, it was soon time to go (heralded by the arrival of a husband with a taxi sign for his wife). It was the perfect end to what has been another eventful year. Next up is 2025 when it is rumoured that legs and proper shoes may appear again at some point.