

August 2023

August was yet another busy month for The Stalham Broads WI. Our meeting in August was altered from our original programme for 2023 after a review.

Frank Hume gave a very interesting account of a well-known Edwardian murder investigation and how his great aunt was involved! Once the usual business of the meeting was quickly out of the way we soon got down to listening to his presentation. The presentation definitely made you think about how the media can affect criminal investigations by their sensationalism, even in a historical context. Was the individual blamed really guilty? Who knows but it certainly made us all think.

The two subgroups continue to flourish, and it is pleasing to announce that a third group has now been formed with the introduction of a games group, which will be meeting on the 4th Thursday of every month. The group met for the first time on the 24th August. The six members who attended enjoyed the afternoon, although that could have been a result of the refreshments on offer. A fourth group is also being planned but it will not have its first meeting until next year. It is hoped it will be a walking group but more on that closer to the time.

Speaking of subgroups, the 'Coffee Cups and Flower Pots' held their meet up this month at Meale's Garden Centre and Farm Shop just outside of Stalham. The location was changed from what was originally planned (due to the original location not getting back to the group organiser) but seven members attended taking in a morning coffee and snack, after wandering around looking, and in some cases buying, the wonderful plants, gifts and other garden related items on sale. There was much chatter going on and some of the hot drinks had cooled considerably before they were eventually consumed.

Away from Stalham, a few of the members joined Sutton WI on their summer outing on the 21st August, and enjoyed the glorious weather, food and company on the paddle 'steamer' from Horning.

Finally, on the 22nd August we had an invite to Sutton WI's Charity Fashion show which was highly entertaining. The models were all Sutton members (although several were also members of The Stalham Broads as the two WIs have 15 dual members). They may not have all been in the Kate Moss mould, but more than made up for it with their enthusiasm.