

Our August meeting is usually one of our more interesting meetings as we never know how many members are going to turn up, what with it being holiday season. Unlike many WIs we don't have a Summer Social event, as our non-meeting month is December, whilst our summer outings normally take place in September after the schools have gone back, and the majority of holiday makers have gone home (nothing against tourists of course but it does make booking trips easier). So it was great to see so many of our members attending on what felt like the hottest day ever (it wasn't but 29°C is hot enough).

This month the 'entertainment' was kept in-house with a social morning including one of the Secretary's, dare we say it, fiendish quizzes followed by tea and chat. As expected, no team managed to get all the questions correct (who really knows which female footballer won the BBC's Female Footballer of the Year in 2017)? As previously said, the Secretary does prepare quizzes which make individuals think, and after all the WI is here to educate women isn't it? There were at least a couple of questions everyone got correct much to the relief of the Secretary, she would have been very worried otherwise. Once the scores were counted up there was one set of clear winners and one set of not so lucky losers who both got well deserved prizes. For the winners 1st Place medals and packets of Smarties, for the not so lucky losers there were some very nice wooden spoons. Despite the difficulty everyone enjoyed themselves, the newer members getting to know some of the more established members, and they all decided (probably) to ban the Secretary from ever setting a quiz again.

Two days after the meeting was the trip to Dotty Pottery at Wroxham Barns - 9 members (and one husband) took part in what was a fun filled couple of hours decorating ceramics ready to be fired and collected at a later date. The items selected ranged from mugs to photo frames and although some claimed to have no artistic ability the results were beyond acceptable. The event was deemed a great success with several vowing to come back again (once all the school aged children have disappeared) to have another go. Now the task is to find something else to try, glass blowing or stained glass have been suggested.

Finally on the 26th August (Bank Holiday Monday) we held our first ever summer cake sale, partly to see how it would go, and partly to raise more funds. It was hosted by our Treasurer Rosie in her front garden, which incidentally is on the main route from the Stalham Staithe into town. We thought that it could catch the tourists off their boats on their way to Tesco (location is everything where fundraising is concerned)). The Stalham Broads WI may be relaxed with regards to some WI traditions (cough, cough jam making) but cakes are one WI tradition we do like (eating cake is a good tradition in our book). It was great to find that the weather gods were with us, providing a good forecast for the day (normally our outdoor events have rain forecast), and have members providing plenty of cakes to sell and more than enough helpers. Whilst football was low there were still plenty of sales, and a very respectable amount was added to our funds. There was enthusiasm to maybe make it an annual event but we will have to wait and see.

What's next for us well we have our summer (late summer) outing to the Cromer Pier Show in September, then there is a little matter of our third birthday which will be held in October (one month early).