

What a difference a month makes, from the sauna like conditions of the August Meeting to a somewhat chilly September morning. However, the conditions did not stop our members and several interested visitors from turning up to hear our speaker.

In a change to the planned programme owing to the cancellation of the planned speaker, we welcomed Rosie Wilkin to Stalham, to educate us on the medical practices of Medieval times. She came dressed in costume with some very authentic looking tools, potions and other items. If some of the methods of diagnosis were unpleasant, it was nothing compared to the looks on some faces when the large (thankfully fake) full blooded leech was passed round. That said the talk itself was very entertaining and informative and enjoyed by all. Rosie clearly enjoys passing on her knowledge and certainly makes her talks educational.

Prior to our main meeting we had this year's summer outing which was organised by our Outings Co-ordinators Lillie and Jane. As has become a bit of a tradition we don't hold our outing in July or August but wait until the worst of the holiday season has passed and schools have started back. It means we avoid the crowds of tourists and make things easier for booking for larger numbers. This year it was decided to visit Cromer to watch the traditional end of the pier show. On the 5th September 15 members travelled to the pier for what proved to be a very enjoyable show with the usual elements of music, dance and general entertainment that the traditional end of the pier show entails. Several members commented the theatre wasn't what they expected (being perched on the top of a grade 2 listed wood and metal structure is a little different to your normal theatre), but in a positive way. The show met with everyone's approval and at the monthly meeting the attendees were very vocal in their praise of it to their fellow members.

The month has also seen members taking part in several Norfolk Federation events, at the beginning of the month three members attended the monthly Ladies That Lunch, two of whom were making their first visit to the Federation Headquarters in Norwich. Naturally they were given the tour of the building. The following week saw two full members and one dual attend a craft day where it became evident that glue and our secretary do not get on with each other! Finally on the 25th September seven members got up early for a day trip to the Cambridge Botanical Gardens, which despite the time of year still managed to provide the odd splash of floral colour.

Next month we will be celebrating our 3rd Birthday as a WI (it is a month early due to our Annual Meeting in November) with a talk on the Inconvenience of Loose Elastic. It is a meeting that is always looked forward to and not just because the committee (our president excepted) provide the members with 'waitress' service, but we also get the chance to host invited guests from nearby WIs to showcase our take on what the WI is about.