



ATTLEBOROUGH WI

Newsletter

September/October 2025



Members' Meeting Wednesday 24th September at 1.30pm



Our speaker this month was Cheryl Cade, a Cheese Sommelier – and, as we learnt, also a Beer Sommelier, a Gin expert and a Food Educator. Cheryl's talk for us centred on cheese, with lots of interesting facts, hints and tips about pairing cheese. We were also treated to a little slice of Brie and were informed how best to taste it. A really interesting, informative and amusing talk.

Our refreshment time was next, with a new system for collecting teas and cakes with members picking up teas, then moving through the kitchen, which seemed to work well. Thanks to our tea ladies for their help and for the delicious cakes.

After a lovely break for a natter, a chance to look at the competition entries and time to buy raffle tickets, it was time for the business side of things.

The record of our previous meeting in August (our newsletter) was approved and signed by Hilda. Members all agreed that the Art, Craft & Cookery Show last month, and the members' meeting afterwards, were very enjoyable and a great success. Thanks to Betty for all her hard work.

Clare gave members a comprehensive readout of the recent Guiltcross meeting, on 18th September. (The Guiltcross group of WIs consists of Old Buckenham, Garboldisham, Tibbenham and Attleborough, so at the twice yearly meetings of the Group there's quite a number of members attending.) The speaker at the meeting was Jane Hoggar who was a former Bluebell Girl and had led a Fascinating life with her dancing taking her all over the world. A wonderful talk, with a short demonstration of dancing and high kicks as well as a song. Jane judged the competition – a dancer in any medium – and we're delighted to say that Janet Potter's photo was a winner.



At the meeting, Hilda gave a round up of Attleborough WI's activities over the past six months, finishing off with an entertaining summary of what we are all about, using flash cards for the individual letters in Attleborough! This was so good, that she was encouraged to repeat it for the benefit of Attleborough WI members.

The leaders of our various Sub Groups then gave members up to date reports of their activities; details of next meetings are overleaf. As are details of our, and the Federation's, up-coming events.

The raffle was next, followed by the results of the competition, which Maggie won with her cheese recipe.

As always, the meeting ended with a couple of Thoughts for the Month, this time provided by Maggie and Betty, sending members home with a smile on their faces.

The meeting ended at 3.45pm

Outings (Betty)

12th December: Cromer End of Pier show.
24 - 28th February: "Carousel" at the Norwich Theatre. Two tickets now available.

Future Events

15th October : Coffee morning at Old Buckenham Country Park. Note Coffee Mornings now to be held regularly on 3rd Wednesday of every month.

31st October/1st November: Book Fair at the Town Hall. Help on the stalls and contributions of cakes needed.

8th November: Autumn Fair at St. Mary's Church on Saturday 8th November. Contributions of cakes and biscuits for the stalls would again be much appreciated.

10th December: A Christmas Celebration in the Town Hall – put your name down at our next meeting.

17th December: Our Christmas Lunch at The Crown, Great Ellingham. Menus available next month; 2 courses @ £30

Centenary Salver Competition 2026

The theme for next year's competition is "A Period in Fashion". At September's meeting Hilda asked for the names of those who might be interested in forming a group to get to work on an entry on behalf of Attleborough WI. The first meeting of the group will be on 20th October at Genevieve's house at 10am. If you're interested in joining, or have any innovative ideas about the theme, then please let me know.

Book Club (Clare)

Next meeting: 16th October at 1.30pm in the Library. Reading: "Project Hail Mary" by Andy Weir

Craft Group (Ruth)

Next meeting 6th October: Iris Folding (£2.50 for materials, free hall)

Cookery (Hilda)

Next meeting: Christmas lunch on 14th November at Bressingham Garden Centre.



Singing (Genevieve)

Next meeting 16th October. We'll be practising for the Christmas Celebration.

Walk 'n Talk (Chris F)

Next walk on 23rd October to Lynford Arboretum



Upcoming Federation Events

18th October: Pre-loved Jewellery Sale at Evelyn Suffield House

24th October: "Just Add Water" Watercolour workshop at Evelyn Suffield House - £30

30th October: New Members Meeting at Evelyn Suffield House

4th November: Tubing, Coffee & Cake - £25

13th November: Four Corners Craft Day at Evelyn Suffield House - £25

20th November: Cambridge Day Trip - £23

4th December: The John Lewis Christmas Event – book direct with John Lewis

Further information and tickets may be found here:
<https://norfolk.thewi.org.uk/news>



Next meeting 22nd October:
Our 89th Birthday Celebration
With a special tea and entertainment

