



Newsletter September/October 2026

Members' Meeting 23rd September

It was almost a full house for our September meeting with just a couple members who were unable to come. A pity, because our speaker, Julie Porter, had devised a devilish Murder Mystery for us. She provided us with lots of clues in the form of music and handouts, which had us all noisily trying to guess the murderer. Unfortunately none of us guessed correctly but we all had a lot of fun trying! We were all ready for refreshments after our efforts. Thanks to Carol, Jo and Marie for their help serving and for the delicious cakes.

During the refreshment time, we were asked to nominate members to go on to next year's Committee. It is important that those being nominated are asked if they wish to serve on the Committee before filling out the form, so there was much rushing around to check with nominated ladies. The Committee for 2027 will be confirmed at our Annual Meeting in November.

There was quite a bit business to get through, as usual! The record of last month's meeting was approved, then Betty gave us a read out of the Art, Craft & Cookery Show which took place before the August meeting. Betty confirmed what we all knew: that it was a successful and enjoyable event; there were 131 entries for the classes in all. Hilda, our cookery judge, stoically tasted 49 different cakes, biscuits, jams and pickles. In gratitude, she was presented with a lovely orchid by Betty.

Janet also told us about the Guiltcross meeting on 17th September, which she and the other 15 or so of us who went, really enjoyed. We were treated to a delicious Harvest supper catered for by all four WIs, followed by a fabulous game of Guess What's In the Bag: lots of fun. The Guiltcross meetings are a real opportunity to get together with other WIs and we usually enjoy a great speaker or activity.

On other business, there was lots of correspondence from Federation Office plus several invitations from other WIs - details are overleaf. Clare updated us on our finances: we have a very healthy £4,365.91 in our account. Also details of our various Sub Committees' next meetings are overleaf, together with information on future events.

Members very generously donated lots of bras to support (groan!) our Federation which is now an officially registered Bra Bank for the charity Against Breast Cancer. Thank you.

Our Sub Groups

Craft (Ruth)

Next meeting: **5th October, 9.30am, Town Hall**
Desk Tidy.

Book Club (Clare)

Next meeting: **15th October, 1.30pm, Library**
“The Forgotten Book Club” by Kate Storey

Walk ‘n Talk (Carol)

Next meeting: **6th October, 10am outside**
Sainsbury’s. Walk in Old Buckenham

Cookery (Hilda)

Next meeting **19th October, 10am, Town Hall**
Making Sausages with Maggie

Singing (Genevieve)

Next meeting: **7th October, 10am at Kate’s**
Practising for our Birthday Party rendition

Future Events

9th October: Tibenham WI’s Birthday Celebrations

13th October: Garboldisham WI’s Ploughmans
Lunch with entertainment

17th October: Fincham & District WI Craft Day
at Wereham village hall
(See Genevieve for more info on these events)

16th & 17th October: Dogs Trust Book Fair where
we’ll have a refreshment stall. Thanks to those who
have volunteered to help on the two days and to the
bakers.

21st October, 10am: Coffee Morning, OB Country
Park

5th December: Autumn Fair at St Mary’s where
we’ll have our usual stalls

Next Meeting: 28th October

Our 90th Birthday Party Lunch & Meeting



Lunch starts at 12 midday

Competition: A photo of
you in the 1990s

Outings (Betty)

11th December: Cromer End of Pier Show by
coach. £50. Payment due by end August.
26th January: “Crazy for You” Norwich
Theatre. £37, payable asap.

8th June 2027: Our educational outing: A
River Trip on Southern Comfort Paddle
Steamer from Horning. Lunch/shopping in
Wroxham.

Federation Events

17th October: Pre-loved Craft De-Stash sale
at ES House

20th October: Mix & Mingle with Trustees at
Aylsham Garden Centre

11th November: Norwich’s Funniest Ghost
Walk

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Attleborough WI Scarecrow
aka Scary Mary!
created by Ann Kirkness and
Janet Potter
which won 1st Prize at the
St Mary's Harvest Festival
(and £50 for our coffers)

