



# ATTLEBOROUGH WI

Newsletter June/July 2025



## Members' meeting: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm

Another action-packed meeting for members this month. Just about a full house again, with just Janet B, Mary N, Margaret A, Jo, Debbie and June P unable to join us.

We welcomed visitors "Aunty" Pam who came along with JJ, Pat and Sheila Young.

To start off the business side of things, Hilda thanked Barbara for arranging a really enjoyable outing to Priscilla Bacon Hospice gardens, followed by lunch, on 13<sup>th</sup> June. And members were also able to thank Betty for organising our outing to Bury St Edmunds on 18<sup>th</sup> June, when we had a fabulous morning learning about the cathedral, and then pottering about the city and lovely abbey gardens.

Sheila Young from Old Buckenham WI was our delegate to the National Annual Meeting and she kindly gave us a comprehensive read-out of the virtual meeting which she attended with other delegates from Norfolk Federation at Evelyn Suffield House. Sheila's full read-out is attached separately.

Amongst the correspondence from Fed Office was a request to ask members what we felt about supporting a local charity instead of ACWW. Hilda asked for a show of hands and a large majority of us felt this was a good idea. Fed Office had also asked us whether we thought the Federation Autumn meetings had had their day. Quite a few of us had attended these meetings in the past and had enjoyed them – good speakers, the chance to interact with other WIs, learning about the various Federation committees etc – so when asked to vote on this, 18 of us wanted them to continue, with 6 voting no. Genevieve will pass the results of these ballots on to Federation Office.

Diaries and calendars for 2026 can now be ordered, and Ann asked members to let her have names by the end of June at the latest. Ann also has some raffle tickets for the National WI raffle available. Onto the reports from our Sub Committees, details of which are overleaf.

Members then enjoyed a delicious tea party, with sandwiches and cakes provided by the Committee. Several members asked "why the "special" tea", to which the answer is: "why not?!".

Then the moment we were all waiting for: the Auction, with Janet Potter as our Auctioneer: she did a great job.

We had a total of 14 "lots", all kindly donated to us by members; one of the lots was a year's worth of cakes – ie 12 cakes for each month of the year, baked and delivered by Hilda; this raised an astounding £60 – thank you Chris F. A total of £208 was raised which will go towards our next educational outing.

A huge thank you to all who donated items and to those who bidded for them.

The competition was a guess of how much we'll raise from the Auction and the clever winner was Doreen. There were six lucky raffle winners, then we had a read out of birthdays for the month.

Hilda had a couple of AOB items: she reminded us that next year our WI will be 90 years old, and suggested compiling a birthday scrapbook, which would include information and photographs of our activities over the year, what's going on locally etc. Betty has kindly agreed to help with putting it together. Members were asked to let her have any contributions they would like to see included.

Genevieve then asked members whether they might be interested in buying tickets for the national WI lottery. Tickets are £1 per week and 40% of every ticket sold goes towards our WI. The top prize is £25,000. Sheila Young mentioned here that Old Buckenham WI earns about £30 from the lottery as they have about 20 people who have bought tickets. Quite a few of us thought we might be interested, and Genevieve agreed to set up the web page so that members can read more about the lottery and buy tickets.

Our meeting ended at 3.45pm.

### Outings

**3<sup>rd</sup> July:** Les Mis at Theatre Royal. The coach will be leaving Queen's Square at 6.15pm.

**9<sup>th</sup> July:** Hotters Shoe Shop, Norwich, 6pm to 8pm. Presentation/fashion show, little eats, raffle. Own transport/bus.

**14<sup>th</sup> October:** Cartier Exhibition at the V& A London. Cost £55 which includes coach.

**12<sup>th</sup> December:** Cromer End of Pier show.

### Book Club (Clare)

Next meeting 26<sup>th</sup> June. Book "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby van Pelt.

### Craft Group (Ruth)

Next meeting 7<sup>th</sup> July. Show and tell of your own past work.

### Cookery (Hilda)

Next meeting 21<sup>st</sup> July.  
How to dress a crab.



### Future Events

**18<sup>th</sup> July:** Coffee morning at Old Buckenham Country Park

**27<sup>th</sup> August:** Art, Craft & Cookery Show (our August meeting): time to start your piccalilli/jam/painting/craft/sorting your photos. New jam jar lids available from Betty.

### Singing (Genevieve)



Next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> July. Thanks as ever to Kate for hosting us

### Walk 'n Talk (Chris F)

Next meeting 30<sup>th</sup> July to Redgrave & Lopham Fen.  
Cars leaving Sainsbury's at 10.30am



### Upcoming Federation Events

18<sup>th</sup> July: Just Add Water, A beginner's watercolour workshop - £30

30<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> August: Adventure Weekend, Bunk Up or Camp Out, Horsford - £120

3<sup>rd</sup> September: Savill Gardens & Runnymede Boat Trip - £75

12<sup>th</sup> September: Auditions Day, Southery, Downham Market - £22

24<sup>th</sup> September: Puddings, Plonk & Pop, Hethersett - £25

14<sup>th</sup> October: Cartier Exhibition, V&A London - £55

18<sup>th</sup> October: Pre-loved Jewellery Sale at Evelyn Suffield House

Plus Decorate an Apron Competition, Christmas Card Competition and 100 Norfolk Places Quiz

### The WI Lottery

The Attleborough WI Lottery page is now live!

Remember, anyone can play, you don't have to be a member of the WI. To buy tickets click here:  
<https://www.thewilottery.co.uk/support/attleborough-wi> **Good luck!!**

### Next meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> July

**Speaker:** Jo Tunmore demonstrating flower arranging.  
Competition: A photograph of a favourite flower.

