

Unfortunately we have lost a few of our founding members this year mainly due to ill health or other commitments, (they will be missed over the coming months) but sadly it is to be expected. We have however, already welcomed new members and the committee is confident we will soon replace the gaps left by those friends.

Our meeting in April involved everyone being taken back to their past. Our speaker was the excellent Angela Bishop who entertained us all with memories of washdays not just laundry, but much more besides. All our members both young and old were able to recognise some of the items on display, from mangles through to twin tubs, boot polish to toilet paper (no one ever forgets IZAL toilet paper once experienced). The anecdotes provided both by Angela and by the members on the various items and personal memories made for a very entertaining Monday morning.

With Easter just around the corner our monthly raffle had a bit of chocolate theme, with Easter eggs and flowers for the winners. Attendees were also given the opportunity (which the majority accepted) to take home a small gift (kindly donated by the local Branch of Tesco) of a Cadbury's Creme Egg. So all in all it was an excellent start to a new WI year.

The five sub-groups have all been busy - our book group is once again back up to full strength, our crafters despite being thin on the ground were making rag wreaths this month ready for our craft sale in August, the gamers found time to entertain themselves playing some railway game apparently, Coffee Cups and Flower Pots (our coffee, chat and garden centre group) met at Aylsham Garden Centre for the usual chat, snacks and shopping, while the walkers took to the local roads and paths near Sutton Broad this month to enjoy the spring weather (it was more akin to a summer's day than late spring).

Over the next few months we have plenty of activities being planned both for our members and the community. We will be holding our first fund raiser of the year - a quiz night, at which the first and last placed teams will be rewarded (the wooden spoons and chocolate make up for coming last), helping our town council with the Town's Annual Meeting and our Secretary will be placing a lit candle to remember one of the town's fallen (she effectively 'demanded' to have the honour when we were allocated the RAF Serviceman), whilst at our meeting we will be voting on the National WI resolution in preparation for the National Federation Annual Meeting in June, and of course hosting another speaker from whom we will be learning all about how you walk affecting your health.