

ATTLEBOROUGH WI



Newsletter August/September 2025

Members' Meeting & Art, Craft & Cookery Show: Wednesday 27th August at 1.30pm

Quite a few members arrived early for the meeting so they could check out all the entries for this year's Art, Craft & Cookery Show. And what a lot of wonderful entries they were. Cakes, biscuits, jams all along one side of the hall, with beautiful floral exhibits along the other, plus quite a few photographs and drawings. And in the separate room off the main hall, beautiful handicrafts were displayed – we have some very talented members.

The meeting started with Hilda welcoming everyone, as well as one visitor, Wendy Round. A few apologies: Bev, Bobby, Mary, Jo, Kathleen, Pam, and Veronica. Our refreshments for the meeting were served by Chris F, Mavis and Ruth – many thanks for the delicious cakes too.

Our new adviser, Meg Dorling had been invited to the meeting, and to present the prizes to the Show's winners, but unfortunately she was unwell and couldn't come. Carole Cousins very kindly stepped into the breach. Prize winners in each of the classes were as follows:

Art, & Photography: Betty Stacey; Pots, Vases & Floral Art: Kate E, along with Genevieve and Rosemary; Cookery: Kate E; Handicraft: Susan D.

The overall winner with the most points was Betty, runner up Genevieve, and Kate E in third place. And our coffers benefited to the tune of £41.70 in entry fees.

Well done everyone!!

WI business was next, with the record of our previous meeting signed by Hilda; there were no matters arising from that meeting. Genevieve outlined the latest correspondence from Federation Office. There are quite a few events taking place at Evelyn Suffield House over the next few months, as well as a couple of exciting outings; details are overleaf. The theme for next year's Salver Competition was also announced: "A Period in Fashion". It is hoped that a group of interested members might get together, with a view to possibly entering the competition.

Then followed reports of the latest activities by our various Sub Committees and groups; details of their next meetings are overleaf.

Before our refreshments, members were entertained by several songs by our Tena Ladies, with a couple of short, amusing stories and poems read by members of the Book Club. The songs were sung with lots of gusto and were really enjoyed by our members, while the readings produced much laughter.

The meeting ended with our usual raffle, and birthday wishes for the month. Kate Lloyd supplied an amusing Thought for the Month.

Under Any Other Business, Hilda mentioned that Margaret Addy and Maggie had spent a recent Saturday outside Tesco, raising donations for the Priscilla Bacon Lodge. They had had a remarkably successful day of it. Hilda too, together with Bridget and Jenny contributed to donations to the Lodge by knitting squares for blankets.

The meeting ended at 3.15pm

Outings (Betty)

12th December: Cromer End of Pier show.
24 - 28th February: "Carousel" at the Norwich Theatre. Please see Betty if interested.

Betty suggested as an educational outing for us next year a visit to Norwich Castle.

Future Events

17th September: Coffee morning at Old Buckenham Country Park. Note Coffee Mornings now to be held regularly on 3rd Wednesday of every month.

18th September: Guiltcross Meeting, Old Buckenham

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.

Book Club (Clare)

Next meeting: 18th September at 1.30pm in the Library. Current book "I Julian" by Claire Gilbert.

Craft Group (Ruth)

Next meeting1st September: Floating Card demo by Margaret Collingwood (£5 for materials, free hall)

Cookery (Hilda)

Next meeting: 15th September with demos of dips and starters. Group will have a Christmas lunch on

14th November at Bressingham Garden Centre.



Singing (Genevieve)

Next meeting 19th September. We'll be practising for the Christmas Celebration.

Walk 'n Talk (Chris F)

Next walk on 25th September to Knettishall Heath and 23rd October to Horsey Mill (to be confirmed)



Upcoming Federation Events

14th October: Cartier Exhibition, V&A London - £55

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

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

Plus Decorate an Apron Competition, Christmas Card Competition and 100 Norfolk Places Quiz Further information and tickets may be found here: https://norfolk.thewi.org.uk/news

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Next meeting 24th September

Speaker: Cheryl Cade on "Cheesy Chat": the history of cheese and its origins, plus the chance to taste a variety of cheeses.

Competition: A Cheese Recipe

