

**DOLPHIN WI**  
**MEETING NEWSLETTER**  
**22.01.15**

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**Welcome:**

**Apologies:**

WI Meeting Minutes of 27.11.14 to be read, agreed and signed. Please read the Minutes through.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

- **Resolution for 2015** – Sally has sent to completed Resolution Form for 2015 to Essex Federation. Dolphin members voted as follows:

The next 100 Years	-	0
Plant a Tree for the Future	-	2
Public Access Defibrillators	-	5
Failing to Care – assessment Of Long Term Care	-	12
Cutting Back on Waste Food	-	2
Ending FGM	-	9
To Curb the Use of Antibiotics	-	1
- **Village Knitting** – The first meeting of knitters met at Elaine's House on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2015, at 1.30 pm. Elaine has built a very impressive polystyrene St Michael's Church and the knitters selected the appropriate colours of wool to knit their piece of the church. The group will meet again in two weeks, Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2015, with their knitted pieces. Please speak to Elaine if you would like to join the Village Knitting Group.
- **Bursaries for Denman 2014/15** – Please see the list of bursaries for the 2014/15 programme year on the Notice Board.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- **Royal School of Needlework, Hampton Court – Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 – Members £37.00, Non-members - £40.00 – 8.30am departure from WI Centre and 4.45pm return journey to WI Centre.** The RSN will run 2 tours, one at 11.00 am and the next at 2.00 pm. On site there is The Tilt Yard Cafe and various places to eat in the village of East Molesey, just over the bridge. If you wish to attend, please add your name to the list in the Outings Folder.
- **98<sup>th</sup> County Annual Meeting, Charter Hall, Leisure World, Cowdray Avenue, Colchester, Essex, CO1 1YH – Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, 9.45am for 11.00 am – 3.30 pm approximately – £11.00 -** The guest speakers at the 98<sup>th</sup> County Annual Meeting will be Arlene Phillips, a renowned theatre director, choreographer and judge of Strictly Come Dancing and the Chief Constable of Essex Police, Stephen Kavanagh. Closing Date: 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2015. Please add your name to the list in the Outings Folder. This is your last chance if you wish to attend.  
Anne Gill of Sible Hedingham WI is running a coach to Colchester for the 98<sup>th</sup> County Annual Meeting and I have asked her to save me ten seats at present. Please let me know this evening if you will like one of these seats. I have currently reserved ten seats, but will need to contact Anne if I need any more. Cost of the coach £8.50. Thank you.  
**Exclusive Shopping Evening – The Quadrant – Chelmsford – Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, from 6.00pm until 9.00pm. – Cost £10.00 -** The theme of the evening is best of British combined with the 100 year centenary. There will be a discount of 20% in most departments. You can enjoy a traditional buffet, mini fashion parade, raffle, 'Mal in the Kitchen' and a competition. Closing date 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2015  
**New Speakers Day – Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2015, 10.00am for 10.30am start until 3.30pm – WI Centre, Hatfield Peveral - £6.50 each –** Five or six different speakers will give a shortened version of the usual presentation. The cost includes tea and coffee, but please bring a packed lunch. Closing date 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2015  
**Get Out Those Walking Shoes – Sandon – Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2015, 10.15am for a 10.30am start – Open to non-members – Cost £3.50 –** The walk will meet in the free car part at Sandon

Village Hall. Sandon WI will be serving tea and biscuits from 10.00 am and after the walk. Closing date 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.

- **The WI Centennial Fair – 3rd – 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 in Harrogate – Approximately £400 - £450 per person** – The Centennial Fair will showcase all aspects of the movement from crafts to campaigns and cooking. Building on the success of our holiday in Wales, Essex Federation would now like to pursue a holiday in Harrogate, spending a day at the Centennial Fair and attending other attractions that may include visits to Ripley Castle, Harlow Carr Gardens, Castle Howard, the Dales, Wensleydale Creamery and Bettys for afternoon tea. Members who wish to commit to their attendance should send a cheque for the sum of £25.00 to the Federation Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2015.
- **Essex Federation Summer Show 2015 Summer Show 2015 – England’s Green and Pleasant Land Entry Form – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June from 10.00am to 4.00 pm** - Completed form to be returned by 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2015. Classes Co-operative, Floral, Cookery, Crafts and Exhibition Only. Please look on Notice Board.

Event	Date and Time	Venue	Cost	Comments	Deadline Date
<b>Knitted Braintree Village</b>	Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> January, 2015, at 1.30 pm	Elaine Pye’s home 12 Crummock Close			
<b>Ladies Who Lunch</b>	Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> February, 2015, at 12.00 noon	The Glass House			
<b>Book Club</b>	Third Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> February, 2013, at 1.45 pm	Jenny’s home		.	
<b>Library Club</b>	Last Tuesday of each month – SUSPENDED	Library, Braintree			
<b>Walking Club</b>	Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> February, 2015, at 2.00 pm	The Bell Pub, Panfield		As Beryl is on holiday on the Friday following our WI Meeting, for this month only the walk is organised for the third Friday	
<b>Nifty Fifties Bowling</b>	Second Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> February, 2015, at 1.30 to 4.30 pm	Bowling Centre, Freeport, Braintree	£5.00	Husbands invited	
<b>Craft Club Handbag Card or Love Card</b>	Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February, 2015, at 6.50pm for 7.00pm	June Mecklenburg’s House			
<b>New Speakers Day</b>	Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> February, 2015, 10.00 am to 15.00 hrs	WI Centre, Hatfield Peveral		Elaine Pye and Maureen Woodward to attend	
<b>Spinners’ Spring Group Meeting</b>	Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April, 2015 – 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start	Tabor Academy Hall, Panfield Lane	£7.50		
<b>2015 National Annual Meeting</b>	Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June, 2015	Royal Albert Hall, London	£22.00		
<b>Fun Golf Day</b>	Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> October, 2015	Clacton on Sea Golf Club	Approximately £35.00		31.01.15

## PLANNING FOR EVENTS AND OUTINGS :

- **Spinners' Group Meeting 2015 – Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 – £7.50** - Lesley will update members on the Spinners' Group Meeting.
  - Tabor Academy confirmed the booking of the hall at a cost of £142.50
  - Speakers:
    - Representative of Tiptree Jam, Simon Dunworth
    - Dawn Blundon – baker to the Royal Family
  - Suggested name 'A Right Royal Tea Party' – If you have a suggestion, please place in the Suggestion Box at this evening.
  - Elaine told members that we need to make some teapot stands for the table and explained the process. She asked for volunteers to help making the teapot stands.
  - Tombola – WI members are asked to bring along baking related items for the Tombola.
  - Sub-committee for Spinners Group – Vicki Barnard, Beryl Ricketts, Christine Gooday, Eveline Delahunty and Margaret Woolmer. Vicki told members that the Committee would have a meeting early next year and that they will be asking members to make specific cakes and for volunteers on the night.
  - Next Spinners' Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2015
- **Dolphin Outings for 2014 – Please add your names of the relevant lists – really love to see you all at these outings.**
- **Suggestion of an outing to Thursford, W Norfolk matinee for 2015** – A cheque has been sent to C & J Tours as a deposit. We hope to hear from C & J Tours shortly. Options for snack at Thursford or maybe stop for a meal on the way home. Deposit of £10.00 will be once our seats have been confirmed. Please add your name to the list if you are interested.
- **Other Suggested Tours:**
  - **St Albans Cathedral Flower Festival** – Date of flower festival to be confirmed - a meal at Jamie Oliver's Italian restaurant.
  - **Bury St Edmunds** – visit Harriets for Afternoon Tea or Whepstead WI for lunch or afternoon tea
  - **Hidden London and Regents Canal**
  - **Trip to Norwich** requested in suggestion box – Do members have any suggestions where they would like to visit in Norwich or simply shop?
  - **Warners Archives and Braintree Walk Around Tours** – Suggestion of a visit to Warner Archives and walk around Braintree history tour. Is this of interest to members?
- **Darts Team** – No news this month

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Yorkshire Tea Tokens** – If you still have any Yorkshire Tea Tokens, please hand them to Wendy. The new packets now longer have tokens on them.
- **Tea Rota** – Members are asked to please put your name on the 2015 Tea Rota. Volunteers are required from April onwards. Thank you.
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## NEXT WI MEETING: 26.02.15 – 7.30pm for 7.45pm start

**Speaker:** Frances Harper – Microwave Cookery

**Competition:** 4 Decorated Choux Buns