

DOLPHIN WI
MEETING NEWSLETTER
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Welcome:

Apologies:

WI Meeting Minutes of 22.01.15. to be read, agreed and signed. Please read through the Minutes.

MATTERS ARISING:

- **Committee Members for 2015/16** – Three members wish to stand down in April, the Committee would very much like to see some new members on the Committee. The Committee Members will tell you will get a lot more from WI and learn a great deal about WI.
- **Village Knitting** – The Knitters met at Elaine's house on Thursday, 12th February. St. Michael's Church is making very good progress and some members have begun knitting for Braintree Library. The next meeting will take place at 1.30 pm on Friday, 27th February. Sally has emailed the Competition Form to Essex Federation in order that we can enter the knitted St Michael's Church in the Exhibition Section.
- **Final Resolution for the Annual Meeting 2015** - The final results have now been collated and following the February AM resolution selection meeting it has been agreed by the NFWI Board that the following shortlisted resolution will be taken to the 2015 AM in London: '**Failing to care – assessment of need in long-term care**'.
- **Feedback from the Dolphin Christmas Dinner at Wilden** – We have very good feedback from Dolphin Members on the Christmas Dinner at the last meeting and have received no suggestions of other restaurants for this year's Christmas dinner. Lesley will ask for a show of hands this evening to find out if you wish the Committee to rebook Wildens again for Christmas 2015 on Thursday, 3rd December, at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. If you have any other suggestions, please let us know.
- **Dolphin Carol Service** – Committee discussed the date of this year's Carol Service and will enquire if the 13th December, 2015, at 3.00pm is convenient.
- **Error on Hundreds and Thousands Quiz** – Quiz question Number 21. Answer: 4,2,3,8,4 (NOT 4,2,3,7,4)
- **98th Annual County Meeting – 20th March 2015** – If you have ordered tickets for the County Meeting, please collect and pay from Jan Thacker. Please also pay for Jan for your coach ticket.
- **Special Royal WI Garden Party, Buckingham Palace – Tuesday, 2nd June, 2015** – The Special Royal WI Garden party will be held in the presence of HRH The Duchess of Cornwall. The event will start at approximately 3.00 pm and finish at approximately 5.00pm. Every WI will be allocated one place for members who wish to attend and win a local WI Ballot. There is a little time to organise members' presence in accordance with the administrative requirements of the Palace as follows:
 - There is a charge of £35.00 per person – this is a guide cost at present and will be confirmed shortly
 - Attending members will be personally responsible for travel costs and the cost of their place, which must not be funded by WI funds
 - The FEWI will be required to complete a password protected spreadsheet on-line with attendees' details in accordance with the requirements of the Palace, the information required has not yet been notified to us, but is likely to include Full Name, Address, Telephone and Email. This will be confirmed later.
 - The NFWI will include clear guidelines to WIs in the March Mailing.

Please consider whether you wish the chance to attend the Special Royal WI Garden Party and be ready to put your name into the appropriate box at the March Meeting.

Elections to Federation Boards – An issue has arisen from the recently amended Constitution and Rules for County/Island Federations of Women's Institutes, Class 29/Appointment of Trustees, and the Articles of Association of County/Island Federations of Women's Institutes, Clause 45/Appointment of Trustees. Lesley will explain further and ask you to vote at this evening's meeting.

Hundreds and Thousands Quiz – A new quiz is available to £1.00. Please add your name to the list in the

Outings Folder if you wish to receive a copy. The closing date for completed entries is 31st May, 2015. Sally has emailed a request for 6 copies of the Quiz to Essex Federation. Please could those who ordered a Quiz collect it and pay Jan Thacker.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Great Notley WI Quiz in Aid of Essex Air Ambulance – Saturday, 25th April, 2015, at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start in the Church, Great Notley, Bridge End Lane - £30.00 per team of six – French Bread and Cheese Supper, bring your own drinks. For further information, call 01376 320367 or email triciamcneeney@gmail.com or complete the Entry Form which Sally has.

Sugarcraft Workshop – Saturday, 20th June, 2015, 10.00am to 3.00pm - WI Centre, Hatfield Peveral - £34.00 – Tutor , Sally Brown, will guide you through the process of producing beautiful sugar roses that can be used to decorate cakes. Tea and Coffee available, but please take a packed lunch. Please add your name to the list in the Outings Folder. Closing date 20th May, 2015.

Millwood WI Meeting, South Woodham Ferrers – 25th March, 2015, a 7.30pm for 7.45pm – £3.00 - The speaker is author Liz Trenow, who wrote 'The Forgotten Seamstress'. She will be giving a talk entitled 'For The Love of Silk' followed by a book signing. Further details will be put on the Notice Board.

2016 Triennial World Conference – University of Warwick, Coventry – 12th-23rd August, 2016 – Further information and a registration form will be put on the Notice Board.

ARTS Group Exhibition – Community Centre, Braintree – Saturday, 14th March, 2015, from 10.00am to 4.30pm
Entry free – Refreshments are available and there will be things for sale as well as exhibition. Please speak to Sue Heslop if you require any further information.

The WI Centennial Fair – 3rd – 6th 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 31st January, 2015.

Event	Date and Time	Venue	Cost	Comments	Deadline Date
Knitting Braintree Town	Friday, 27 th February, 2015, at 1.30pm	Elaine Pye's Home – 12 Crummock Close			
Ladies Who Lunch	First Wednesday of month, 4 th March, 2015, at 12.00 noon	The Glass House		Sally to reserve table. Get idea of nos. at February Meeting.	
Book Club	Second Wednesday – 11th March, 2015 at 1.45 pm	Jenny's home		Book Club will now be on the second Wednesday of the month in future	
Walking Club	Friday, 27 th March, 2015, at 2.00 pm	To be advised at March meeting			
Nifty Fifties Bowling	Second Friday, 13 th March, 2015, at 1.30 pm	Bowling Centre, Freeport, Braintree	£5.00	Husbands invited	
Craft Club	Monday, 9 th March 2015, 6.50pm for 7.00 pm	June Mecklenburg's house		Please let June know if you wish to attend	Ask members if they are in agreement for Dolphin to contribute towards Wendy's tables
Royal School of Needlework, Hampton Court	Monday, 16 th March, 2015		Members £37.00, Non-members	The Tilt Yard Cafe and various places to eat in	

			£40.00	the village of East Molesey, just over the bridge. RSN is running 2 tours at 11.00 am and 2.00 pm	
98th County Annual Meeting	Friday, 20 th March, 2015, 9.45 am for 11.00 am start	Charter Hall, Leisure World, Cowdray Avenue, Colchester	£11.00 – If you have reserved a seat on coach, the cost is £8.50	Speakers: Arlene Phillips and Stephen Cavanagh, Chief Constable of Police	4 th February, 2015
New Speakers Day	Friday, 17 th April, 2015, 10.00 am to 15.00 hrs	WI Centre, Hatfield Peveral		Ask members at February meeting.	
2015 National Annual Meeting	Thursday, 4 th June, 2014	Royal Albert Hall, London	£22.00		09.01.2015
Fun Golf Day	Thursday, 1 st October, 2015	Clacton on Sea Golf Club	Approximately £35.00		31.01.15

PLANNING FOR EVENTS AND OUTINGS:

- **Spinners' Group Meeting 2015** – Next Spinners' Group Meeting is next Wednesday, 11th March, 2015.
 - Spinners' Group Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 29th April, 2015
 - Speakers:
 - Representative of Tiptree Jam, Simon Dungworth
 - Dawn Blundon – baker to the Royal Family

Elaine has contacted Dawn Blundon who is more than happy to be the second speaker, as she is staying overnight. Lesley asked Elaine to send the Speaker's Form to Simon Dungworth.
 - Black Notley to look after exhibition of Tea Cosies – three from each WI. Dolphin will hold their competition to select three tea cosies at the March WI Meeting. Please bring your tea cosies along! Old, new or in the making, we are looking forward to seeing them in March.
 - Agreed name of meeting 'By Royal WI Appointment'
 - Please could members bring their contribution to the Tombola along to the March and April Meetings. The items should be related to baking, i.e. Unwanted, good as new baking tins, aprons, tea towels, recipe books, cutters etc.
 - Sub-committee for Spinners Group – Chris Gooday, Margaret Woolmer, Vicky Barnard, Beryl Ricketts and Eveline Delahunty.
- **Suggestion of an outing to Thursford, W Norfolk matinee for 2015** – Lesley is awaiting to hear from C & J Tours regarding the Thursford outing. We should hear late March/early April.
 - **The Poppy Factory, Richmond** – Two members suggested this trip in the Suggestion Box. This trip works out at £28.00 per person, including a two course meal at the Poppy Factory before the tour. If you wish to attend please add your name to the list in the Outings Book.
 - **Bury St Edmunds** – visit Harriets for Afternoon Tea or Whepstead WI for lunch or afternoon tea
 - **Hidden London and Regents Canal** – Sally has priced this trip, which works out at £44.00 per person based on 20 members uptaking. The Committee felt that the cost was too high and Sally would look at other options as well.
 - **Trip to Norwich** requested in suggestion box – Need to find out what members would like to do in Norwich
 - **Warners Archives** – There are three tours on offer all taking a minimum of 10 people and the costs ranging from £100, £150 or £200. Committee agreed that the £200.00 tour would be most appropriate. Sally will put out a listing to find out members' interest.
 - **Braintree Walk Around Tours** – Is this of interest to members?
- **Darts Team** – The Darts' Team lost their game against Great Walthambury. The team arrived very late as the venue had been changed without advising Dolphin's team.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Yorkshire Tea Tokens** – Wendy has sent the last lot of tokens in.
- **Refreshment Rota** – We need volunteers as follows:
 - 4 people for May
 - 4 people for August
- **Flower Rota** – Please put your name on the flower rota if you haven't already done so.

NEXT WI MEETING: 26.03.15

Speaker: Edward Lubbock and Sue Kidd – Hot Air Ballooning

Competition: The Most Items in a Small Matchbox