

**DOLPHIN WI**  
**MEETING NEWSLETTER**  
**26.03.15**

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**Welcome:**

**Apologies: Elaine Pye**

WI Meeting Minutes of 26.02.15. to be read, agreed and signed.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

- **Committee Members for 2015/16** – Lesley again told members that three Committee members wish to stand down in April and that the Committee would very much like to see some new members on the Committee. The current Committee Members will tell you that they have got a lot more from WI and learn a great deal about WI.
- **Village Knitting** - Elaine explained that the Knitters met at her house on Thursday, 19<sup>TH</sup> March. St. Michael's Church is making very good progress and some members have begun knitting for Braintree Library and the old Town Hall. Elaine invited anyone who would like to join us to call her.
- **Dolphin Christmas Dinner at Wildens – Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2015, at 7.00 pm for 7.30pm** - We are currently trying to contact Wildens to book the 2015 Christmas Dinner on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Cost to be advised. We will also see if you can negotiate the price, as per the British Legion dinner.
- **Dolphin Carol Service – Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2015, at 3.00 pm.** – Thanks to Anne Willers, who kindly booked the Dolphin Carol Service for 2015.
- **Error on Hundreds and Thousands Quiz** – Quiz question Number 21. Answer: 4,2,3,8,4 (NOT 4,2,3,7,4)
- **Special Royal WI Garden Party, Buckingham Palace – Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2015, 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm – £25.00** - We will be holding the ballot for a place at the Royal Garden Party this evening. If you wish to take part, please ensure you put all the details on the form on the Secretary's table, Sally. This will be put in the ballot. All details on all the forms will be sent to Essex Federation, I presume, in case, there are still spaces at the Garden Party to offer. Sally has also booked a place on Great Notley's mini-bus which is going to the Palace. The cost will be approximately £20.00.
  - There is a little time to organise members' presence in accordance with the administrative requirements of the Palace as follows:
    - 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 and no of Passport, Driving Licence, whatever form of identity you are going to use.
    - The NFWI will include clear guidelines to WIs in the March Mailing.
- **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.
- **Recipes used by the speaker last month** – Lesley has copies of the recipes used by Frances Harper last month.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

**New Speakers Day – Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2015, 10.00am for 10.30am until 3.30pm – WI Centre, Hatfield Peveral** – During the day five or six speakers present a shortened version of their presentations. You will need to take your own lunch, but tea and coffee is included. Would anyone like to attend? Please add your name to the list in the Outings Folder

**Pop-Up Shop, Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2015, 12.00 noon to 4.00pm and Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2015, 10.00 am to 2.00 pm, WI Centre, Hatfield Peveral – £2.50** - The Pop Up Shop will be at the WI Centre on the dates above and you are being asked to donate any items of 'Happy Endings', plus any other new and nearly new items that you may wish to donate. For those of you in the know, there will also be the opportunity for 'Swishing' (swapping an item/s of clothing or accessories or both). All donations need to be in the WI Centre by the 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 please. Please add your name to the list in the Outings Folder if you wish to attend.

**Great Notley WI Quiz in Aid of Essex Air Ambulance – Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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 [triciamcneeny@gmail.com](mailto:triciamcneeny@gmail.com) or complete the Entry Form which Sally has.

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

| Event                               | Date and Time  | Venue                                 | Cost                 | Comments  | Deadline Date  |
|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---|--|
| <b>Knitting Braintree Town</b>      | Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2015, at 12.00pm                      | Elaine Pye's Home – 12 Crummock Close |                      |   |  |
| <b>Ladies Who Lunch</b>             | First Wednesday of month, 1 <sup>st</sup> April, 2015, at 12.00 noon | The Glass House                       |                      | Sally to reserve table. Show of hand for nos.   |  |
| <b>Book Club</b>                    | Second Wednesday – 8 <sup>th</sup> April, 2015 at 1.45 pm            | Jenny's home                          |                      | Book Club will now be on the second Wednesday of the month in future  |  |
| <b>Walking Club</b>                 | Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> March, 2015, at 2.00 pm                     | Hare and Hounds, High Garrett         |                      |   |  |
| <b>Nifty Fifties Bowling</b>        | Third Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> April, 2015, at 1.30 pm               | Bowling Centre, Freeport, Braintree   | £5.00                | Husbands invited  |  |
| <b>Craft Club Penholder</b>         | Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2015, 6.50pm for 7.00 pm              | June Mecklenburg's house              |                      | Please let June know if you wish to attend  |  |
| <b>2015 National Annual Meeting</b> | Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June, 2014                                 | Royal Albert Hall, London             | £22.00               |   | 09.01.2015   |
| <b>Sugarcraft Workshop</b>          | Saturday, 20 <sup>th</sup> June, 2015, at 10.00am to 3.00 pm         | 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 20.05.15 |
| <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** – Next Spinners' Group Meeting is next Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.
  - Spinners' Group Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2015
  - Speakers:
    - Representative of Tiptree Jam, Simon Dungworth
    - Dawn Blundon – baker to the Royal Family

- 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.
- **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. There will be a box at the March meeting.**
- **Please could members also bring coffee and sugar which patient's families would use whilst they are at Farleigh Hospice. The Hospice has specified coffee and sugar, as they are gifted other refreshment items from other sources.**
- 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 light lunch at the Poppy Factory before the tour. If you wish to attend please add your name to the list in the Outings Book. We will start to take deposits at the May Meeting.
  - **Hidden London and Regents Canal** – Sally has priced this trip, which works out at £44.00. When trying to book this tour with City and Village Tours, Sally was informed that the tour could only run with 35 people. As we would only have 29 people we would have to either pay for 6 people at £12.00 per head or try to book a 35 seater coach. Sally is currently getting other coach quotes.
  - **Buckingham Palace** - We only have six names on the list so far, hopefully, we will get more interest. Please add your name if you are interested.
  - **Trip to Norwich** - We have had a suggestion of a shopping trip to Norwich. I am told that the coach would take us the park and ride outside the City and then members would have to finish the journey on the park and ride bus. Lesley will ask for a show of hands to see if it is a viable outing.
  - **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 is currently awaiting a reply from Warner Archives.
  - **Braintree Walk Around Tours** – Is this of interest to members?
  - **Darts Team** – Any further results?

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

- **Yorkshire Tea Tokens** – Wendy has sent the last lot of tokens in.
- **Refreshment Rota** – We need volunteers as follows:
  - 1 person for July
- **Flower Rota Volunteers** – Flowers for May, September, October and November.

#### **NEXT WI MEETING: 23.04.15**

**Speaker:** Dolphin Annual Meeting

**Competition:** No competition