

DOLPHIN WI
MEETING NEWSLETTER
23.04.15

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Welcome:

Apologies:

WI Meeting Minutes of 26.03.15 to be read, agreed and signed.

Sadly, we have been told that Eileen Lewsey has suffered a stroke and is currently in Broomfield Hospital. Eileen is awaiting transfer to St Peter's in Maldon. We have sent her a card from Dolphin members.

MATTERS ARISING:

- **Village Knitting** – Elaine provided a lovely lunch for the knitters on Monday, 13th April, 2015. All buildings are progressing very well and will meet again on Friday, 24th April, 2015. Elaine asked if anyone could house a building, as her house is being overtaken by them. Sally said she could house one.
Braintree Museum have offered to exhibit the knitted Braintree town from 11th September, 2015 until 23rd September, 2015. The knitted Braintree town will be on display from the Heritage Open Day on the 12th September, 2015, and the Courtauld Afternoon on 23rd September, 2015.
 - **Facebook** – Facebook is ongoing at the moment.
 - **Website** – Committee Members and Dolphin members to send to Sally any information, photos which browsers would find interesting, in order that she can forward to Brenda Baker for inclusion on the website.
- 100th Birthday Party – 16th September, 2015** – The Committee discussed having a BBQ or a three course meal by Leon Lewis under the bandstand in George Yard either on 16th September or an evening close to it. The Committee responded favourably.
The Braintree Museum has also offered us the mezzanine for us to celebrate the 100th Birthday of the WI. Lesley will ask members if they are interested in either or both ideas.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Summer Show 2015 – Hyde Hall – Lesley to ask members to raise their hands if they interested in visiting the Summer Show at Hyde Hall to view Dolphin's competition entries. If so, we will consider hiring a mini bus or coach.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Hampton Court Flower Show – Friday, 3rd July, 2015, 8.00 am for 8.15am departure from WI Centre - £34.00 – Closing date: 2nd June, 2015.

Olympic Legacy Tour – Tuesday, 14th July 2015 - £38.00 for members and £41.00 for non-members – Three pick up points in Colchester, Chelmsford and Brentwood. Arrive at Olympic Park at 11.45 am and departure is at 4.45 pm. Cost includes roast dinner. Closing date 9th June, 2015

Royal School of Needlework – Monday, 7th September, 2015, 8.30 am until 4.30 pm - £37.00 for members and £40.00 for non members – Two tours will be run a 11.00 am and 2.00 pm. – You will view the exhibition of White Work. Closing date Monday, 3rd August, 2015.

Pop-Up Shop, Friday, 26th June, 2015, 12.00 noon to 4.00pm and Saturday, 27th 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 11th May, 2015 please. Pat Pratley may be able to tell us more about the Pop-Up Shop.

Event	Date and Time	Venue	Cost	Comments	Deadline Date
Knitting Braintree Town	Friday, 24 th April, 2015, at 1.30pm	Elaine Pye's Home – 12 Crummock Close			
Ladies Who Lunch	First Wednesday of month, 6 th May, 2015, at 12.00 noon	Liberal Club		Let Jenny know the number of members who intend to come along	
Book Club	Second Wednesday – 13 th May, 2015 at 1.45 pm	Jenny's home			
Walking Club	Friday, 24 th April, 2015, at 2.00 pm	St Mary's Church, Bocking		Please let Beryl know if you are going on the walk	
Nifty Fifties Bowling	Second Friday, 15 th May, 2015, at 1.30 pm	Bowling Centre, Freeport, Braintree	£5.00	Husbands invited	
Craft Club Pen Holder	Monday, TBA 6.50pm for 7.00 pm	June Mecklenburg's house		Please let June know if you wish to attend	
2015 National Annual Meeting	Thursday, 4 th June, 2014	Royal Albert Hall, London	£22.00		09.01.2015
New Speakers' Day	Friday, 19 th June, 2015, 10.00am for 10.30am until 3.30pm	WI Centre, Hatfield Peveral		Lesley and Sheila to confirm	
Sugarcraft Workshop	Saturday, 20 th June, 2015, 10.00 am to 3.00 pm	W I Centre	£34.00	Sally Brown, will guide you through the process of producing beautiful sugar roses that can be used to decorate cakes. Please take a packed lunch.	List in Outings Folder. Closing date 20.06.15
Fun Golf Day	Thursday, 1 st October, 2015	Clacton on Sea Golf Club	Approximately £35.00		31.01.15
Dolphin Christmas Dinner	Thursday, 3 rd December, 2015 at 7.00 for 7.30 pm	Wilden's Bocking Village Hall	TBA		
Dolphin Carol Service	Sunday, 6 th December, 2015, at 3.00 pm	St Peter's in the Fields, Bocking End		Refreshment in the hall after the service	

PLANNING FOR EVENTS AND OUTINGS:

- **Spinners' Group Meeting 2015** – The Committee are all looking forward to seeing Dolphin Members at the Spinner's Meeting at Tabor Academy.
- **Suggestion of an outing to Thursford, W Norfolk matinee for Friday, 11th December, 2015 – £55.00** – The Committee has agreed to go ahead with Thursford outing. We will leave Braintree

at 9.30 am, have lunch at Thursford before the performance at 2.00 pm. £10.00 deposits to be taken in May, 2015. Lesley to ask members to put their deposits in envelopes with name and outing name.

- **The Poppy Factory, Richmond – Wednesday, 11th November, 2015 – £28.00** - This is the only date which was available for a party of over 20 this year. They would be able to provide a light lunch for £5.95, which is included in the price. A light lunch will be included in the price. We will start taking £10.00 deposits at the May Meeting. Lesley to ask members to put deposits in envelopes with name and outing name.
- **Hidden London and Regents Canal** – Sally has priced this trip, which works out at £44.00 per person. 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 spaces on the coach we would have to pay for 6 people at £12.00 per head, which would make this trip far too expensive. Sally still working on coaches.
- **Buckingham Palace** - We only have six names on the list so far, hopefully, we will get more interest. Lesley to ask members at Thursday's meeting.
- **Warners Archives – £20.00 per person, depending on nos.** The cost will be less the more people attend. There are still spaces, should you wish to come along.
- **Braintree Walk Around Tours** – Is this of interest to members?
- **Darts Team** – No further news

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Recipes used by the speaker last month** – Lesley to provide recipes for April meeting.
- **Tea Rota** – Wendy need 1 person for tea rota in July.

NEXT WI MEETING: 28.05.15

Speaker: Penny Learmonth - Beekeeping

Competition: Something Beginning with B