

**DOLPHIN WI**  
**MEETING NEWSLETTER**  
**22.10.15**

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**Welcome:**

WI Meeting Minutes of 28.09.15 to be read, agreed and signed. Please read Minutes through.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

- **Request for Dolphin WI to speak at Quadrant Cafe on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 at 10.30 am** – Elaine will be speaking at Quadrant Cafe on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2015, at 10.30 am. Committee members will be supporting Elaine through the talk and it would be nice if some Dolphin members could come along too.
- **Dolphin WI Knitted Braintree Town** – The town has now been moved into storage until it is exhibited at the Hawthornes, St Peter's Church and back to the Museum.  
The Knitting Group met with Julien Courtauld on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2015, at 10.00 am for a walk around Braintree and Bocking Gardens and coffee in the Cafe in the Gardens.  
The Knitting Group will meet again on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 at 1.00pm.
- **Spinners Group Meeting convened by WI Notley Green** – Sally, Elaine and Jan attended the Spinners' Group Meeting. Dolphin's role will be to manage the door and do the vote of thanks.
- **Braintree and Bocking Public Gardens Invitation – Thursday, 2<sup>9th</sup> October, 2015, at 10.00 am** – Ten members have put their names down to attend the launch of the Tree Recognition Scheme, The Opening of The Barn and Observation Hide and The Planting of a memorial Elm tree for Melvyn Crow by his wife Sarah and family.
- **Edinburgh Mills Fashion Show** – The Fashion Show will not take place prior to the end of the year due to the small number of members interested. However, we will look at rescheduling the Fashion Show next year.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- **Chelmsford Star Co-operative Community Card** – Dolphin have received some more Community Cards from Chelmsford Star Co-operative. Please see Sally if you would like one.
- **Book Sale at Anne Willers' House on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2015** - Anne Willers has asked me to thank everyone who attended her Book Sale and to let you know that the sale raised £107.51.
- **Community Christmas Carol Concert in George Yard – Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 at 2.00 pm** – Members are invited to attend the Community Christmas Carol Concert in George Yard. The Dolphin Choir will sing a descant to one of the carols.
- **2016 NFWI AM, Brighton Centre, Brighton – Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2016** – It is Paycockes WI's turn to be the delegate in 2016. Should anyone wish to be an Observer, Sally has the necessary form to return to Essex Fed. I have put a list for interested members in the Outing Book on the Notice Board table at the October WI Meeting. Closing date 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.
- **Inter-WI Quiz 2016 - £12.00 per team of 6-8 members** – Preliminary rounds will be held in April, May and June with the final being held at either the end of June or beginning of July. Closing date 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2015. Sally has prepared a list for members to show their interest, which is on the Notice Board Table.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

- **The WI Campers Essex, Gosfield Lake Resort – Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 to Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 - £40.00 per member** – A weekend of camping with a programme of activities including crafts, food and drink events, evening events, speakers corner and holistic sessions. Tickets to go on sale in December, 2015. For more information visit [www.thewicampersessex.co.uk](http://www.thewicampersessex.co.uk) or email 'thewicampessex@gmail.com'.
- **99<sup>th</sup> County Annual Meeting, Cliffs Pavilion, Station Road, Southend on Sea – Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 from 9.45am for 11.00am start until 3.30 pm approximately – £11.50** - The guest speakers for the day are renowned British freelance Historian, Ruth Goodman, and Auctioneer and NAFAS Demonstrator, Nick Grounds. There is a cafeteria/bar, but due to numbers, it is

advisable to bring a packed lunch. Tea and Coffee will be available to purchase. Closing date Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2016. If you wish to attend please add your name to the list in the Outings Book on the Notice Board Table.

- **Braintree EHA Workshop 1 with Eileen Beales – Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2015 at Braintree Community Centre at 10.00 am until 4.00 pm – Machine Embroidery – Layering and Cutbacks with Several Outcomes - £23.50 plus £3-£4.00 for a pack provided by Eileen on the day – There will be tea and coffee, but please bring your own packed lunch. Please call Sheila Vince on 01376 340335 or speak to her this evening.**
- **Braintree EHA Workshop 2 with Eileen Beales – Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 at Braintree Community Centre at 10.00 am until 4.00 pm – Sheer Delight (Machine Embroidery) - £23.50 plus £3-£4.00 for a pack provided by Eileen on the day – There will be tea and coffee, but please bring your own packed lunch. Please call Sheila Vince on 01376 340335 or speak to her this evening.**

Event	Date and Time	Venue	Cost	Comments	Deadline Date
<b>Knitting Braintree Town</b>	Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> October, 2015, at 1.00 pm	Elaine Pye's Home – 12 Crummock Close			
<b>Ladies Who Lunch</b>	First Wednesday of month, 4 <sup>th</sup> November, 2015, at 12.00 noon	Cressing Temple			
<b>Book Club</b>	Second Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November, 2015 at 1.45 pm	Jenny's home			
<b>Walking Club</b>	Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> October, 2015, at 2.00 pm	Great Leigh's Village Hall car park		David Gleadow will be doing the walk this time. Please call him if you will be joining him – 01376 322166	
<b>Nifty Fifties Bowling</b>	Second Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> November, 2015, at 1.30 pm	Bowling Centre, Freeport, Braintree	£5.00		.
<b>Craft Club</b>	TBA, 6.50pm for 7.00 pm	June Mecklenburg's house	£4.00	Please let June know if you wish to attend	
<b>New Speakers Day</b>	Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> October, 2015, 10.00 for 10.30 am until 3.30 pm	WI Centre Hatfield Peveral	Lesley and Elaine to attend.	Tea and coffee on arrival and during lunch. Please bring a packed lunch	30.09.15
<b>Mackintosh Rose Stained Glass</b>	Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> October, 2015, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm	WI Centre Hatfield Peveral	£27.50 plus £5.00 for Quick bias and Bondaweb	Tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch	28.09.15
<b>Members' Open Days 2015</b>	Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> , and Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> November, 2015, at 11.00 am to 1.15 pm or 2.00 pm to 4.15pm	NFWI, 104 New King's Road, London, SW6 4LY	£5.00		31.07.15
<b>Poppy Factory</b>	Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> November, 2015	Poppy Factory, Richmond	£28.00	Light lunch included	

<b>Vegetarian Delights by Leon Lewis</b>	Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November, 2015, at 11.00 am to 3.00 pm	WI Centre	£15.00	Choice of starter, mains and dessert.	28.09.15
<b>Dolphin Christmas Dinner</b>	Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> December, 2015, at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm		£28.50 – to be paid by November WI Meeting	Could all members attending the dinner, bring a gift up to the value of £5.00 for the Secret Santa	
<b>Christmas Shopping at Ashford Designer Outlet</b>	Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> December, 2015	Pick Up from Tollgate, Stanway at 8.15am WI Centre at 8.45 am Brentwood High St at 9.20 am	£20.00 for members and £21.00 for non-members	You will receive a 10% discount card	
<b>Dolphin Carol Service</b>	Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December, 2015, at 3.00 pm	St Peter's in the Fields		Refreshments in the Church Hall afterwards	
<b>Thursford Outing</b>	Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December, 2015	Thursford, W Norfolk	£55.00		

#### PLANNING FOR EVENTS AND OUTINGS:

- **Dolphin Carol Service – Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 at 3.00 pm, followed by refreshments in the Church Hall** – Choir will meet at Anne Willer's house at 1.30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November, in the Church on the 24<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December in Church and 2.00 pm prior to the carol service in Church.  
Lesley to ask for volunteers to help setting up the hall and with refreshments.  
The Choir Master we used last year would be delighted to help us this year in the practice sessions in church.
- **Dolphin Outings** – Update on outings:
  - **Thursford, W Norfolk matinee – Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 - £55.00** - Leave Braintree at 9.30 am. Coach now full.
  - **The Poppy Factory, Richmond – Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 – £28.00** - A light lunch for £5.95 is included in the price. Sally will email members coming to the Poppy Factory with details of 8.30am start and dietary needs.  
The money collected from selling the knitted poppies will be given to the British Legion as a donation.
  - **Warners Archives – Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 - £20.00 per person, but less if we can get 20 people** - This date has been cancelled and will contact the Archives to see if the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 are available. Katie at Warners is on leave until 27<sup>th</sup> October, so will update at our November meeting. If members wish to meet at the Wagon and Horses, South Street for lunch, then we can arrange lunch IUK for the appropriate number. If members just wish to go to Warners Archives, we will meet them outside Warners.
  - **Strictly at Braintree Arts Theatre** – Tickets for An Evening with Ian Waite & Camilla Dallerup on Friday 08 April 2016 at 14:30 and 7:30 have been reserved. Lesley will update members this evening.
  - Barbara has looked into visiting a Vineyard next year and also another trip to Scotsdale and the Cricketers.
- **Darts Team** – No further news

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Availability for Committee Meeting and WI Meeting:**
- **Children in India and Cambodia** – Wendy's postman is collecting items to help children in India and Cambodia to write in. Please could you help by bringing along pencils, rubbers and sharpeners

**NEXT WI MEETING: 26.11.15**

**Speaker:** How to Ice Your Christmas Cakes by Dolphin Members

**Competition:** Four Mince Pies or Four Christmas Biscuits