

DOLPHIN WI
MEETING NEWSLETTER
26.11.15

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Welcome:

Apologies:

WI Meeting Minutes of 22.10.15 to be read, agreed and signed. Please read a copy of the Minutes through.

MATTERS ARISING:

- **Request for Dolphin WI to speak at Quadrant Cafe on Thursday, 5th November, 2015** – Elaine's talk at Quadrant Cafe on Thursday, 5th November, 2015, at 10.30 am was very successful. The audience collected the sum of £26.50.
- **Dolphin WI Knitted Braintree Town** – Lesley Evans, President, Sally Bartrip, Secretary, Elaine Pye, Programme Organiser, and Shirley Green assisted in moving the knitted town to the Hawthorns on Friday, 20th November, 2015, where the town can be seen in the Coffee Lounge. Father Tim of St Peter's Church would also like to display the buildings at Christmas from 5th December, 2016. The knitted town will be on display for the Dolphin Carol Service.
- **Centenary Rose for Braintree and Bocking Public Gardens** – Lesley would like to celebrate the WI's Centenary by planting a Centenary Rose in the Public Gardens. This evening Lesley will ask you if this is something you would like Dolphin to do, give you information of the cost of the plaque and also ask for suggestions for the wording on the plaque
- **Ideas for WI Evenings** – Darts evening or carpet bowls evening. Lesley also suggested a Spring or Summer Event with Leon Lewis doing a three course veggie dinner at £8.00 a head for a minimum 40 people.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- **2016 Resolutions** – Dolphin WI members will be asked to vote for the resolution they wish to select at our January, 2016 meeting. In the meantime, please read about these resolutions in your Essex News and WI Life. The choice of resolutions is as follows:
 - Ban the microbead
 - British Fruit: reviving our heritage
 - Free sanitary protection for homeless women
 - Prevention of sudden cardiac death in young adults in the UK
 - First aid to save lives
 - Mind or body – equal funding for care
 - Avoid food waste, address food poverty
 - Appropriate care in hospitals for people with dementia
- **Community Christmas Carol Concert in George Yard – Saturday, 19th December, 2015 at 2.00 pm** – Brenda has invited Dolphin WI to attend the Community Christmas Carol Service under the Bandstand in George Yard. Choir to sing 'Go Tell It On The Mountain', 'Little Drummer Boy' and 'Deck the Halls'. Lesley would like as many members as possible to help the choir sing along.
- **2016 NFWI AM, Brighton Centre, Brighton – Saturday, 11th June, 2016** – If you are interested in attending the NFWI Annual meeting, please add your name to the list in the Outings Folder on the Notice Board table. This is your last chance to book a place this evening. Closing date 7th 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 30th November, 2015. We currently have four people who are interested. We need 2-4 members to be able to make up team, The list is in the Outings Folder for any members wishing to make up a team.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

- **Royal School of Needlework –Peacocks and Pommegranites Exhibition – Monday, 13th June, 2016, departing at 8.30 am from the WI Centre – £37.00 for members and £40.00 for non-members** - Essex Federation hope to have sufficient numbers to run two tours, the first at 11.00 am and the second at 2.00 pm. The tour will include the RSN's history and development to present day, see pieces from the RSN's collection which are rarely seen and a 30 minute seated presentation by a member of staff. On site there is the Tilt Cafe or over the bridge is the village of East Moseley where there are other places to eat and shop, including quilting, antiques and an emporium. You will also have the opportunity to visit the Hampton Court Palace, the Maze and the Gardens for an additional fee during your free time. - Closing date 2nd May, 2016
- **Dance Diversity is Here!! – WI Centre, Hatfield Peveral – Friday, 18th March, 2016, from 10.00 am until 3.30 pm. – £25.00** – A chance to learn three dances. In the morning you will learn Burlesque and Eastern Promise Belly Dance. In the afternoon get ready for Bollywood Dance. Please take a packed lunch and tea and coffee will be available. Closing date 1st February, 2016.

Event	Date and Time	Venue	Cost	Comments	Deadline Date
Knitting Braintree Town	Friday, 18th December, 2015, at 1.00 pm	Elaine Pye's Home – 12 Crummock Close			
Ladies Who Lunch	First Wednesday of month, 2 nd December, 2015, at 12.00 noon and 6th January, 2016, at 12.00 noon	The Glass House The Orange Tree, Braintree town		Do members wish to meet for lunch on the 2nd December? Lesley will ask for a show of hands.	
Book Club	Second Wednesday 9 th December, 2015 at 1.45 pm and Wednesday, 13 th January, 2015	Jenny's home			
Walking Club	Fourth Friday, 27 th November, 2015, at 2.00 pm	Great Leigh's Village Hall Car Park		Please call Beryl on 01376 322971 to let her know if you wish to join the walk	
Nifty Fifties Bowling	Second Friday, 8th January, 2015, at 1.30 pm	Bowling Centre, Freeport, Braintree	£5.00		.
Craft Club	Wednesday, TBA, 2015, 6.50pm for 7.00 pm	June Mecklenburg's house	£4.00	Please let June know if you wish to attend	
Dolphin Christmas Dinner	Thursday, 3 rd December, 2015, at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm		£28.50	Members to bring along Secret Santa up to the value of £5.00	
Dolphin Carol Service	Sunday, 6 th December, 2015, at 3.00 pm	St Peter's in the Fields		Refreshments in the Church Hall afterwards	
Thursford Outing	Friday, 11 th December, 2015	Thursford, W Norfolk	£55.00		
2016 Essex Federation Annual Meeting	Friday, 11 th March, 2016 from 9.45am for 11.00am start	Cliffs Pavilion, Station Road, Southend on Sea	£11.50	Sally has reserved seats on Sible Hedingham	

	until 3.30 pm approximately			Coach. There are 6 seats left.	
2016 NFWI Annual Meeting	Saturday, 11 th June, 2016	Brighton Centre, Brighton			07.01.15

PLANNING FOR EVENTS AND OUTINGS:

- **Dolphin Carol Service – Sunday, 6th December, 2015 at 3.00 pm, followed by refreshments in the Church Hall** – Choir will meet at at 1.30pm the Church on the 3rd December.
Lesley to ask for volunteers to help setting up the hall and with refreshments.
- **Dolphin Outings** – Update on outings:
 - **Thursford, W Norfolk matinee – Friday, 11th December, 2015 - £55.00** - Leave Braintree at 9.30 am, have lunch at Thursford and performance at 2.00 pm. We advise that you take a packed lunch with you, in case it is so busy at Thursford you are unable to get a meal.
 - **The Poppy Factory, Richmond – Wednesday, 11th November, 2015 – £28.00** - The £224.00 collected from selling the knitted poppies was split between The Poppy Factory and The British Legion, who are two different charities.
 - **Warners Archives – Awaiting a new date from Katie Martin at Warners – have suggested the 3rd and 17th March.** Suggested meeting at the Wagon and Horses for a lunch to see if this would make the outing more attractive.
 - **Scotsdale Garden Centre and lunch at The Cricketers – 19th April, 2016** – Barbara is currently looking into this trip and will give details and cost in the New Year.
 - **New Hall Wines Vineyard, Purleigh – 10th May, 2016** – A 2 ½ hour tour and tasting with refreshments. Again, Barbara will give details and cost in the New Year.
 - **Fingringhoe Nature Reserve with lunch at The Shed or a local Public House** – details to follow in the New Year.
- **Darts Team** – No further news

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Tea and Flower Rota** – We would like a member to provide flowers for the January Meeting and also another member to help with refreshments in January.
- **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: 28.01.16

Speaker: Shirley and Raymond Thompson - Join Us on Our Travels

Competition: Name the Places in the Photos