

DOLPHIN WI
MEETING NEWSLETTER
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Welcome:

WI Meeting Minutes of 28.1.16 to be read, agreed and signed. Please read Minutes through.

MATTERS ARISING:

- **Annette Croft** – Sadly, Sally received a call from Tessa Smith telling her that Annette Croft passed away suddenly last week. Sally expressed our condolences and said that we would send a card to her nearest. Sally has also asked her to let us know when the funeral will take place.
- **Dolphin WI Knitted Braintree Town** – The knitted town is back at George Yard now and may go to the Community Hospital in the near future.
- **Centenary Rose for Braintree and Bocking Public Gardens** – The Centenary Rose has now been planted in the Gardens and Lesley Evans, President, is currently organising for a plaque to be made. The Committee agreed a date for the official planting on Wednesday, 4th May, 2016, and we will finish the morning with Ladies Who Lunch in the Cafe in the Gardens.
- **Spinner's Meeting Spring Group Meeting at Tabor Academy School Hall on Wednesday, 29th June, 2016 – £7.50** - The theme for the Spring Group Meeting is 'The Olympics' and the speaker will be a representative from the Jane Packer Florist Group, London 2012 Olympics 'Victory Bouquet' designers, RHS Hampton Court Flower Show Gold Medallist and 'Best in Show', and a Games Maker from the London 2012 Olympics.
We will be having a competition within Dolphin WI 'To Craft a Flag'. Three flags will be taken to the Spinner's Group Competition.
Dolphin will be helping at the door and will do the vote of thanks.
Tickets will be available shortly.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- **Diverse Essex – Federation of Essex Women's Institutes Centenary Show – Friday, 7th and Saturday, 8th July, 2017, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm – WI Centre, Hatfield Peveral** – The Entry Form must be completed and returned to Essex Federation by 10th December, 2016.
- **WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE – SCARECROWS! – Thursday, 6th July and Friday 7th July, 2017 - £2.00 per entry** - As part of Essex Federations Centenary Celebrations in 2017, they are holding a competition for the Best Scarecrow, which will be used at the family fun day in a Great Scarecrow Hunt. The Entry Form must be with Essex Federation by 10th December, 2016. All entries must be taken to the WI Centre on Wednesday, 5th July, 2017. A Bounty will be awarded to the winners.
- **Felsted WI Open Evening** – The members of Dolphin WI would like to invite you to join them at their Open Evening on Wednesday, 9th March, 2016, starting at 7.45 pm in the Felsted Memorial Hall. Their guest speaker is Andrew Sankey talking about 'The History of the Cottage Garden'. Tea and Cakes will be served. Raffle. If you would like to come along, please call Margaret on 01371 822092. There is no charge, but they need to know numbers for catering.
- **Sequence Knitting with Cecelia Campochiaro** – Sally Bartrip, Secretary, received an email from Katie Martin of Warner's Archives asking us if we would like join the Sequence Knitting Workshops being given by Cecilia Campochiaro. The first is Friday, 11th March, 1.00 – 4.00 pm at a cost of £25.00. You need to take 2 balls of yarn in contrasting colours and appropriate needles. The second is a Sequence Knitting Lecture and Book Signing on Friday, 11th March at 6.30 – 9.00 pm at a cost of £5.00, refreshments included. The last is a Sequence Knitting Project Workshop on Saturday, 12th March from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm or 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm at a cost of £25.00. Please let Sally know if you are interested. You can view a Poster on the Notice Board.
- **Suggestion from the Suggestion Box for a Mixed Craft Group** – We have received a suggestion in the Suggestion Box for a Mixed Craft Group. Lesley will ask for a show of hands in order to gauge interest in this Group.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

The Essex Federation 2016 Holiday – 8th – 12th September, 2016 – £499.00 per person (includes dinner bed and breakfast and entry to all arranged excursions) – Staying at the Hog’s Head Inn on the edge of Alnwick. There will be a visit to Alnwick Castle and gardens. In order to secure a place a £50.00 deposit is required by 30th April, 2016 and the remainder to be paid by the end of June. Please speak to Sally if you would like a form.

‘An English Medley’ – A County Style Day being hosted by Gt Notley WI at Notley Green Community Centre – Saturday, 23rd April, 2016 - £10.00 per person – The day will celebrate St George’s Day and Shakespeare’s birthday. This all day event requires you to bring your own packed lunch, but tea and coffee will be supplied on arrival and at lunch time within the cost of the ticket. The events of the day include a fashion show by Quadrant of Chelmsford, including hints on colours and styles. The speakers from The Gardens of Eastern Lodge talking about the gardens and their creator Frances Evelyn "Daisy" Greville, **Countess of Warwick** who was a British socialite and long-time mistress to Albert, Prince of Wales and an interactive talk about the Globe and Shakespeare. Country markets and the WI will be in attendance.

Event	Date and Time	Venue	Cost	Comments	Deadline Date
Knitting Braintree Town	Friday, 26th February, 2016, at 1.00 pm	Elaine Pye’s Home – 12 Crummock Close			
Ladies Who Lunch	First Wednesday of month, 2nd March, 2016, at 12.00 noon	M & S Cafe	£12.95 for two people.	Sally will need to book Afternoon Tea. Please let her know if you will to attend.	
Book Club	Second Wednesday, 9th March, 2016 at 1.45 pm	Jenny’s home			
Walking Club	Fourth Friday, No Walk in February – will recommence in March, 2016			Please call Beryl on 01376 322971 to let her know if you wish to join the walk	
Nifty Fifties Bowling	Second Friday, 18th March, 2016, at 1.30 pm	Bowling Centre, Freeport, Braintree	£5.00		.
Craft Club	Monday, 15th March, 2016, 6.50pm for 7.00 pm	June Mecklenburg’s house	£4.00		
2016 Essex Federation Annual Meeting	Friday, 11 th March, 2016 from 9.45am for 11.00am start until 3.30 pm approximately	Cliffs Pavilion, Station Road, Southend on Sea	£11.50	Sally has reserved seats on Sible Hedingham Coach.	Paperwork available for delegate.
Dance Diversity is Here!! Please take a packed lunch and tea and coffee will be available	Friday, 18 th March, 2016, from 10.00 am until 3.30 pm.	WI Centre, Hatfield Peveral	£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.	01.02.16 If you are interested, please add name to list in the Outings Book.
The Royal School of Needlework –	Monday, 11th June, 2016 at	Departing from WI Centre	£37.00 for members and	The tour will include the RSN’s	On site there is the Tilt Cafe or

Peacocks and Pomegranates Exhibition	8.30 am		£40.00 for non-members	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.	over the bridge is the village of East Moseley where there are other places to eat and shop, including quilting, antiques and an emporium. List in the Outings Book. 02.05.16
2016 NFWI Annual Meeting	Saturday, 11 th June, 2016	Brighton Centre, Brighton			Closed
Spinner's Meeting	Wednesday, 29th June, 2016	Tabor Academy Hall	£7.50	Theme: The Olympics Tickets will be on sale very soon	
Essex Federation Christmas Carol Service	Tuesday, 6th December, 2016	Chelmsford Cathedral			

PLANNING FOR EVENTS AND OUTINGS:

- **Dolphin Outings** – Update on outings:
 - **Warners Archives – Thursday, 3rd March, 2016, at 1.15 pm** – An introductory talk on Warner & Sons, private visit to the Archive Store (usually closed to the public) where you will be shown some fabrics and designs produced by Warner & Sons and time to browse the Warner Gallery. We will also explore the area of Warner and Sons through the ages. Duration of tour 2 – 2 ½ hours. The cost will be £20.00 or less depending on the numbers joining us. The more members join us, the cheaper it will be. So please come along, you will see much more than on an individual visit to Warners! Please speak to Sally if you are interested.
 - **Scotsdale Garden Centre and lunch at The Cricketers – Tuesday, 19th April, 2016 – £30.00** – The Committee agreed to cancel this trip due to low numbers. Barbara Craig will investigate rebooking nearer to Christmas.
 - **Revisit to Saville Gardens, Windsor – Saturday, 11th June, 2016 – £36.00** - After discussing several different versions of outings to visit Saville Gardens, the Committee agreed that we should visit Saville Gardens and then attend the Afternoon Tea in celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday. Please put your name on the list and pay a £10.00 deposit to Jan Thacker, Treasurer.
 - **Buckingham Palace – Queens 90th Birthday Exhibition of her Wardrobe – 16th September, 2016 – Price still being worked out** – The tour will be to the Madhatter's Pub for coffee, proceed on the Blue Badge Tour of London and then return to the Madhatter's Pub for lunch. After lunch the tour will visit Buckingham Place's State Rooms, Mews, Children's Nursery and the Exhibition of the Queen's wardrobe. More details later.
- **Darts Team** – Lesley will ask the Darts Team for the results of their recent home game.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Beagle Drive – Wednesday, 16th March, 2016, at 7.30 pm at the Community Centre – £3.00** - Tickets will be available at January and February meetings.
- **Dolphin Christmas Dinner – Thursday, 8th December, 2016** – Do members wish to return to Wildens for Dolphin Christmas Dinner this year. Lesley will ask for a show of hands. If you have another suggestion, please let us know.
- **Tea Rota and Flower Rota** - Please take a turn preparing the refreshments and providing flowers for the President's table. If everyone takes a turn, you should only have to do either of these tasks once a year. If you are unable to stand in order to prepare the tea and coffee, please could you provide a cake at one meeting. We are very short of volunteers for March and April.

NEXT WI MEETING: 24.03.16

Speaker: James Merriott – 'Water Colour Demonstration'

Competition: Something Red

