

DOLPHIN WI MEETING

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome:

WI Meeting Minutes of 22.2.16 were read, agreed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

- **Dolphin WI Knitted Braintree Town** – The knitting group met on Monday, 7th March, 2016. The Braintree and Bocking Public Gardens collage is now making good progress. Due to Elaine going on holiday and other members being away, no further dates to meet up have been arranged. The Committee is now looking into raising money for glass cabinets and also to frame the collage for the Braintree and Bocking Public Gardens. Sally is looking into getting a grant or may be having some cake raffles.
- **Centenary Rose for Braintree and Bocking Public Gardens** – Do we have further details of the plaque for the centenary rose?
- **Spinners Meeting – Wednesday, 29th June, 2016 – Tabor Academy School Hall** – Sally attended the Spinner's Meeting on Wednesday, 9th March, 2016. Tickets will be given to Betty Jopson to bring to the next WI Meeting. Dolphin's actions are as follows:
 1. Start collecting items for the Tombola – Flower theme – Any items with a connection to flowers. Items should be delivered to 24, Queenborough Lane.
 2. Ask for volunteers to man to door on the evening of the Spinners Meeting.
 3. Ask for a volunteer to give the Vote of Thanks.
 4. Decide whether to hold the Flag competition in April of May, 2016.

The next Spinners meeting are to be held on Wednesday, 13th April, 2016 and Wednesday, 5th May, 2016, at the Community Room at Tesco's, Great Notley.

- **Mixed Craft Group** – A decision was made to go ahead with a Mixed Craft Group. However, several members have said that would like to attend but not on a Friday evening.
- **Dolphin Bursary** – How many bursaries do we wish to offer and for how much?
- **Refreshment Price Increase** – Dolphin members who attended Ladies Who Lunch this month, suggested that we should increase the price of refreshments to a £1.00 and also the visitors fee. What does the Committee think
- **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.

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. Lesley will find out more about the size and the meaning of 'dead or alive' when at the WI Centre.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

'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. Full details are on Page 10 of this month's Essex News.

Event	Date and Time	Venue	Cost	Comments	Deadline Date
Knitting Braintree Town	Friday, TBA, 2016, at 1.00 pm	Elaine Pye's Home – 12 Crummock Close		Due to holidays, date to be advised.	
Ladies Who Lunch	First Wednesday of month, 6th April, 2016, at 12.00 noon			.	
Book Club	Second Wednesday, 13th April, 2016 at 1.45 pm	Jenny's home			
Walking Club	Fourth Friday, 22nd April, 2016, at 2.00 pm			Please call Beryl on 01376 322971 to let her know if you wish to join the walk	
Nifty Fifties Bowling	Second Friday, 15th April, 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. There are 6 seats left.	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 – Peacocks and Pomegranates Exhibition	Monday, 11th June, 2016 at 8.30 am	Departing from WI Centre	£37.00 for members and £40.00 for non-members	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	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.

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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	Tickets will be on sale very soon	
Essex Federation Holiday	8th – 12th September, 2016	Alnwick	£499.00 - £50.00 deposit by end of April, 2016	Ask Sally for form	30.04.16
Essex Federation Christmas Carol Service	Tuesday, 6th December, 2016	Chelmsford Cathedral			

PLANNING FOR EVENTS AND OUTINGS:

- **Dolphin Outings** – Update on outings:
 - **Scotsdale Garden Centre and lunch at The Cricketers – Tuesday, 19th April, 2016 – £30.00** – Due to low numbers, this outing has been cancelled. Barbara will look into doing a trip near 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. Interested members should add their name to the list and pay a £10.00 deposit.
 - **Buckingham Palace – Queens 90th Birthday Exhibition of her Wardrobe – Friday, 16th September, 2016** – The outing will go to the Mad Hatter's Pub for coffee mid morning, a Blue Badge Tour Guide will then join us for a tour around London before returning to the Mad Hatter's Pub for Lunch. After Lunch the tour will go to Buckingham Palace State Rooms and Queen's Wardrobe Exhibition.
- **Darts Team** – News of recent matches not known

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Dolphin Christmas Dinner** – Lesley to ask if the members would like to return to Wildens on Thursday, 8th December, 2016 for the Dolphin Christmas Dinner or do they wish to go somewhere different this year.
- **Dolphin Christmas Carol Service** – Lesley will ask Shirley to speak to Father Tim about Dolphin's Christmas Carol Service date.

NEXT WI MEETING: 28.04.16

Speaker: James Merriott – 'Water Colour Demonstration'

Competition: Something Red