

DOLPHIN WI
MEETING NEWSLETTER
28.04.16

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Welcome:

WI Meeting Minutes of 24.3.16 to be read, agreed and signed. Please read through the minutes.

The Agenda for this evening will be:

This evening you will help us to form the new Dolphin Committee and elect our President.

Essex Federation Board Member, Sheila Gunson, will be joining us to administer the formation of Dolphin's new Committee.

Open Meeting with 'Jerusalem'
Committee Selection – Sheila Gunson
Reports
Resolutions – Sheila Gunson (Please read Newsletter)
Notices – Lesley Evans
Street Party
Centenary Needlework – Sheila Gunson
Increase in Refreshment Cost
Bursary for 2016
Competition Results
Competition Results for 2015/16
Raffle
National Anthem

MATTERS ARISING:

- **Dolphin WI Knitted Braintree Town** – The knitting group meet again on Friday, 22nd April. The Braintree and Bocking Public Gardens collage is now making good progress and will be passed to Marion Mallett to layout all of the knitted items.
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.
The knitting group also has a booking to take the knitted town to another WI in February next year, who will pay expenses and make a donation towards the glass cabinets.
- **Centenary Rose for Braintree and Bocking Public Gardens – Rescheduled to 8th June, 2016 at 11.00 pm** - Please join us at the Braintree and Bocking Public Gardens for the Official Planting of the Centenary Rose and also for Ladies Who Lunch following the planting.
- **Spinners Meeting – Wednesday, 29th June, 2016 – Tabor Academy School Hall** –
 1. Please place your Tombola items in the container provided by the entrance door – Flower theme – any items with a connection to flowers. A container will be provided at the May and June meetings also.
 2. Ask for a volunteer to give the Vote of Thanks once we know who has bought tickets
 3. Olympic Flag competition to be held at the June, 2016 WI Meeting. Three flags to be put forward to Spinner's Competition. We are looking forward to seeing your flags in June.The next Spinners meeting are to be held on Wednesday, 25th May, 2016, at the Community Room at Tesco's, Great Notley.
- **Mixed Craft Group** – Dolphin Members agreed to Thursday Craft evenings. At the first meeting Lesley will demonstrate a Zip Brooch, following by a Needle felt Zip Brooch and Felt Toy. Meetings will take place on the first or second Thursday of each month beginning in June.

- **Dolphin Bursary** – If you would like to win £150.00 to be put towards a course at Denman College or locally, please write your name on a slip of paper and put it in the Bursary Box on the President's Table. A winner and second name will be picked later this evening.
- **Refreshment Price Increase** – After a majority vote to raise funds to cover the annual shortfall, Vicky Barnard requested that it be raised and voted on at this Meeting. Lesley Evans, President, will be again ask members to vote for an increase in refreshment money this evening. If the proposal receives a positive result, the refreshment cost will increase to £1.00 in May this year.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- **Saving Denman Appeal** – Since the news of the College's financial position, announced at the Autumn National Council Meeting in October 2015 and reported in the February 2016 issue of WI Life, many members expressed their wishes to raise funds to support the future of Denman.

As a result, the NFWI Board of Trustees, inspired by the enthusiasm of members, has agreed that a member led appeal should be launched, supported by the Denman Committee to enable members to donate, should they so wish. This appeal is aimed at federations, WIs and individual members and is asking them to donate a suggested amount of £10.00 per person over the next two years. However, smaller or larger amounts will, of course, be welcome. The money raised will be added to the budget for ongoing maintenance of the buildings and grounds.

Denman would be grateful if cheques were sent to Denman, made payable to 'Denman' with 'Saving Denman Appeal' written on the back. Cash donations can be taken at Denman, if required.

A document of questions and answers to provide clarification has been attached to the Notice Board.

- **2016 Annual Meeting at The Brighton Centre – Saturday, 11th June, 2016** – Do we have any questions to ask at the Annual Meeting? If so, we need to complete Questions Form and return it to our Link WI by 2nd May, 2016.

The resolutions being voted on at this Annual Meeting are:

1. Avoid food waste, address food poverty
2. Appropriate care in hospitals for people with dementia

The results of Dolphin WI's voting must be passed to the Link WI before 25th May. This rules out voting at our May Meeting. We need to vote at the April Meeting. Each WI should vote on each resolution separately. WIs should not vote for one resolution over the other, but need to look at each resolution independently and vote for or against each of them.

If both resolutions achieve a majority of votes 'for' at the Annual Meeting, then the NFWI will pass both resolutions and the NFWI will campaign on both issues.

Information on both resolutions is attached to the Notice Board.

- **The WI at 100: A Century of Inspiring Women** – A copy of this Booklet has been sent to Dolphin and is displayed on the Notice Board Table
- **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:

- **New Speakers Day – Friday, 24th June, 2016 at 10.00 am for 10.30 am until 3.30 pm – WI Centre – £7.00 – Elaine and Sally attending.**
- **Members Open Days 2016 to visit NFWI Headquarters – Wednesday 30th November and Thursday, 1st December and Wednesday, 7th December and Thursday, 8th December - £5.00 –** There will be two session each day, a morning session from 11 am – 1.15 pm and an afternoon session from 2.00 pm to 4.15pm. Refreshments will be served during each session and on departure and each member attending will receive a commemorative photograph in the style of the front cover of WI Life. Bookings to be made by 1st July, 2016.

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			
Ladies Who Lunch	First Wednesday of month, 4th May, 2016, at 12.00 noon	TGI Friday		.	
Book Club	Second Wednesday, 11th May, 2016 at 1.45 pm	Jenny's home			
Walking Club	Fourth Friday, 29th May, 2016, at 2.00 pm	End of Thistley Green Road		Please call Beryl on 01376 322971 to let her know if you wish to join the walk	
Nifty Fifties Bowling	Second Friday, 13th May, 2016, at 1.30 pm	Bowling Centre, Freeport, Braintree	£5.00		.
Craft Club	Monday, TBA, 6.50pm for 7.00 pm	June Mecklenburg's house	£4.00		
The Royal School of Needlework – Peacocks and Pomegranates Exhibition	Monday, 13th 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 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. 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	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

Dolphin Carol Service	Sunday, 4th December, 2016	St Peter's in the Fields, Bocking End		Refreshments in the Church Hall following the service	
Essex Federation Christmas Carol Service	Tuesday, 6th December, 2016	Chelmsford Cathedral			
Dolphin Christmas Dinner	Thursday, 8th December, 2016	Wildens			

PLANNING FOR EVENTS AND OUTINGS:

Dolphin Outings – Update on outings:

- **Revisit to Saville Gardens, Windsor – Saturday, 11th June, 2016 – £36.00** - This outing will take you to Windsor town centre where you can do a little shopping or a bite to eat if you wish, before travelling on to Saville Gardens to view the gardens and have an afternoon cream tea in celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday. Interested members should add their name to the list and pay a £10.00 deposit to Jan Thacker.
- **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. If you wish to participate in this trip, please give your name to Jan Thacker with a cheque for £10.00 per person made payable to EHA.
- **Darts Team** –

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

None

NEXT WI MEETING: 26.05.16

Speaker: Air Ambulance

Competition: A Paper Aeroplane

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