

DOLPHIN WI
MEETING NEWSLETTER
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Welcome:

Apologies:

WI Committee Meeting Minutes of 28.4.16 were read, agreed and signed. Please read Minutes through.

MATTERS ARISING:

- **Dolphin WI Knitted Braintree Town** – The knitting group meet again this, Friday, 27th May. The Braintree and Bocking Public Gardens collage is now making good progress and will be passed to Marion Mallet 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 East Hanningfield WI at the Village Hall in February next year, who will pay expenses and make a donation towards the glass cabinets. Chelmsford Coop has also requested that we take the knitted town to them in October, 2016.
- **Centenary Rose for Braintree and Bocking Public Gardens – Rescheduled to 8th June, 2016 at 11.00 pm** – We have now received the plaque to be placed alongside the WI Centenary Rose and are looking forward to seeing members at the Braintree and Bocking Public Gardens for the Official Planting. Please also join us for Ladies Who Lunch at the Cafe in the Gardens afterwards.
- **Spinners Meeting – Wednesday, 29th June, 2016 – Tabor Academy School Hall** – Update on Spinner's from Lesley.
 1. Start collecting items for the Tombola – Flower theme – Please bring any items with a connection to flowers. A container will be provided at the May and June meetings. Committee members are willing to man the door.
 2. Ask for a volunteer to give the Vote of Thanks once we know who has bought tickets
 3. Rio Olympics Flag competition to be held at the June, 2016 WI Meeting. Three flags to be put forward to Spinner's Competition.

The next Spinners meeting are to be held on Wednesday, 25th May, 2016, at the Community Room at Tesco's, Great Notley. If necessary, there will be another meeting on 15th June, 2016.

- **Mixed Craft Group** – Dolphin Members agreed to Thursday Craft evenings. At the first meeting Lesley will demonstrate a Zip Brooch, followed by a needle felt Zip Brooch and Felt Toy. Barbara has sent a list of crafts she would like to do.
- **Dolphin Bursary** – Bursary of £150.00 to be picked at this evening's WI Meeting.
- **Inter WI Quiz** – Update from Quiz Team

CORRESPONDENCE:

- **The Quaker Tapestry** – The Quaker Tapestry is on display at Chelmsford Cathedral from 20th August, 2016 to 3rd September, 2016, Monday to Saturday from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm. The exhibition is free.
- **'Home Fires' - Author Julie Summers Petition** – Julie Summers, the author of Jambusters has contacted the WI. 'As you have probably heard by now, ITV has decided not to commission a third series of Home Fires. I have never asked the WI a favour before but I am today. Please can you help to spread the word that there is a petition to make the network change its mind and we could really use the support of members if they have enjoyed the series.

Here is the link https://www.change.org/p/itv-itv-must-recommission-homefires?recruiter=5098496&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=share_twitter_responsive

Many thanks for your help in advance and I hope you don't mind me appealing to your direct.

Best wishes, Julie

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

- **Braintree & Bocking Community Association AGM – Wednesday, 8th June, 2016 at 7.30 pm for tea and coffee and 8.00 pm start** – Invitation to all Tutors, Organisations and Users.
- **Take A Tranquil Walk Around the Lovely Village of Fingringhoe – Wednesday, 10th August, 2016, at 10.15 am for 10.30 start - £3.50, including coffee and Federation administration** – The walk is approximately three miles around the village of Fingringhoe with its views of the Roman River Valley. Enjoy coffee and a biscuit at the Village Hall. Meet in the car park at Fingringhoe Village Hall at 10.15 am. Post code is CO5 7BH for those with satnavs.
- **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.

Event	Date and Time	Venue	Cost	Comments	Deadline Date
Knitting Braintree Town	Friday, 26th May, 2016, at 1.00 pm	Elaine Pye’s Home – 12 Crummock Close			
Ladies Who Lunch	Second Wednesday of month, 8th June, 2016, at 12.00 noon	Braintree and Bocking Public Gardens Cafe			
Book Club	Second Wednesday, 11th May, 2016 at 1.45 pm	Jenny’s home			
Walking Club	Fourth Friday, 27th May, 2016, at 2.00 pm	St Petersfield Antiques Centre, Gosfield		Please call Beryl on 01376 322971 to let her know if you wish to join the walk	
Nifty Fifties Bowling	Second Friday, 10th June, 2016, at 1.30 pm	Bowling Centre, Freeport, Braintree	£5.00	Husbands are welcome also.	
Craft Club	Monday, TBA, 6.50pm for 7.00 pm	June Mecklenburg’s house	£4.00		
New Speaker’s Day	Friday, 24th June, 2016 at 10.00 am for 10.30 am until 3.30 pm	WI Centre	£7.00 per person		
Spinner’s Meeting	Wednesday, 29th June, 2016	Tabor Academy Hall	£7.50	Tickets will be on sale very soon	
Members Open Days 2016 to visit NFWI Headquarters	Wednesday 30th November and Thursday, 1st December and Wednesday, 7th December and	NFWI Headquarters, 104 New King’s Road, London SW6 4LY	£5.00	Refreshments will be served during each session and on departure and each member	01.07.16

	Thursday, 8th December			attending will receive a commemorative photograph in the style of the front cover of WI Life.	
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** - 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 in full this evening.
 - **Buckingham Palace – Queens 90th Birthday Exhibition of her Wardrobe – Friday, 16th September, 2016** – Following a good interest from Dolphin members, Lesley will try to book a larger coach. Sheila Vince has asked that all Dolphin members wishing to go on the trip give Jan Thacker a cheque for the total cost post dated the 1st August, 2016, to show commitment to the outing. 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** – Dot Thomas wishes to leave the Darts Team – we will need more people.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Tea and Flower Rota** – Update from Wendy

NEXT WI MEETING: 23.06.16

Speaker: Bryan Thurlow 'An Evacuee's Story from Bethnal Green to East Anglia' to escape the horrors of the London Blitz.

Competition: WWII Memorabilia