

DOLPHIN WI
MEETING NEWSLETTER
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Welcome:

Apologies:

WI Committee Meeting Minutes of 26.05.16 to be read, agreed and signed. Minutes are given out randomly at the door by Jan and Dot. If you receive a copy, please read them through.

MATTERS ARISING:

- **Women's Institute Registration Information** - The Women's Institute have installed a new Registration Information System. In an effort to ensure that member's information is up to date, please could you complete the Update Form which you will find on your seat. Once completed, please could you place on the President's table. Thank you.
- **General Information for New Members** – The Committee agreed that it would be a good idea to spend five minutes going through the general meeting process at the next WI for the benefit of new members, i.e. how the tea and flower rota works, notice board, outings folder, bursaries, Spinner's group. Lesley will explain all the processes this evening.
- **Dolphin WI Knitted Braintree Town** – The knitting group met on 10th June and were sewing the knitted Braintree and Bocking Public Gardens collage.
The Knitted Town has been on display in the old Burton's store in George Yard until recently. Maureen Woodward has taken the knitted St Michael's Church to display in the real St Michael's Church for a celebration of the Queen's birthday.
The knitting group also has a booking to take the knitted town to East Hanningfield WI at the Village Hall on 15th February, 2017, 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 on Friday, 7th October, 2016.
- **Braintree Seedling** – The Community Centre are willing for us to plant the Braintree Seedling at the rear of the Community Centre later in the year. The apples will be collected and used in cakes, pies etc. to raise funds.
- **Spinners Meeting – Wednesday, 29th June, 2016 – Tabor Academy School Hall** – Sophie Alchin has confirmed that the Spinner's meeting will take place Howard Hall, Braintree.
 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. Elaine Pye, Programme Organiser, has agreed to do the vote of thanks on the evening.
 3. Please place your Rio Olympics Flags on the appropriate table. The willing three flags will be put forward to Spinner's Competition.
- **Essex Federation Mailing and Essex News** – Katie of Essex Federation left a message on Sally's answer phone to ask if Dolphin Members could do the mailing on 20th July. The Committee is unable to help in July, but asked Sally contacted Katie to ask if we can help in September. Katie confirmed she would be grateful of our help on Thursday, 22nd September, 2016. We need 5-6 members to assist on the day. Please speak to Sally if you are able to help.
- **Mixed Craft Group** – The first Craft Group took place on Monday, 6th June, 2016, and we have heard good feedback. Not all members find it convenient to meet on the first Monday in the month. The Committee discussed what is happening on Mondays during the month, the first Monday clashes with members other involvements, the second Monday June usually holds her Craft Group, the third Monday is Dolphin's Committee Meeting, so it was agreed to put the 4th Monday of the month to members. Lesley will ask for a show of hands.
- **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. Elaine will lead a sub-committee in order to produce a scarecrow. Lesley will ask for the names of members who would be interested in helping to build a scarecrow.

- **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.
- **Aspen Grange Care Home** – Lesley said that Aspen Grange had contacted her to ask if 6 or 7 members would be willing to visit Aspen Grange on the 15th July, 2017, at about 3.00 pm to talk to dementia sufferers and for Cream Tea. Lesley, Barbara, Wendy and Elaine are willing to attend. Sally will be on holiday. Lesley to ask for other volunteers this evening.
- **WI Meeting at Edinburgh Woollen Mill in Braintree on 22nd September – 20% off** - Elaine needs about 10 models for the evening. Maureen Woodward and Marion Jeffrey have volunteered. Lesley to ask for more volunteers tonight.
- **Bonmarche, Quadrant, Braintree** - Lesley has arranged for Dolphin WI members to receive a 10% discount if they shop at Bonmarche on the 11th July, 2016.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Event	Date	Venue	Cost	Additional Info	Deadline
Knitting Braintree Town	Friday, 1st July, 2016, at 1.00 pm	Elaine Pye’s Home – 12 Crummock Close			
Ladies Who Lunch	Second Wednesday of month, 6th July, 2016, at 12.00 noon	Wilkins Cafe, Cressing Temple			
Book Club	Second Wednesday, 13th July, 2016 at 1.45 pm	Jenny’s home			
Walking Club	Fourth Friday, 24th June, 2016, at 2.00 pm	The Square and Compasses, Fuller Street. See Beryl for postcode.		Please call Beryl on 01376 322971 to let her know if you wish to join the walk	
Nifty Fifties Bowling	Second Friday, ,at 1.30 pm	Bowling Centre, Freeport, Braintree	£5.00	Suspended until the Autumn	
Craft Club with June Mecklenburgh	Monday, 20th June, 2016, 6.50pm for 7.00 pm	June Mecklenburgh’s house	£4.00		
Craft Club with Barbara Craig	Monday, 25th July, 2016	George Yard	£4.00	Please call Barbara Craig if you wish to come along on 01376 344546	
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	Elaine and Sally attending	

Spinner's Meeting	Wednesday, 29th June, 2016	Tabor Academy Hall	£7.50	Tickets now available	
Take A Tranquil Walk Around the Lovely Village of Fingringhoe	Wednesday, 10th August, 2016, at 10.15 am for 10.30 start	Meet in the car park at Fingringhoe Village Hall at 10.15 am. Post code is CO5 7BH for those with satnavs.	£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.	
Members Open Days 2016 to visit NFWI Headquarters	Wednesday 30th November and Thursday, 1st December and Wednesday, 7th December and Thursday, 8th December	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 attending will receive a commemorative photograph in the style of the front cover of WI Life.	01.07.16
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:
 - **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 a deposit of £10.00 per person 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.
 - **Other suggestions for outings:**
 - NEC Flower Show and Food and Drink Show - July
 - Ballet, Chelmsford
 - Chocolate Lady – demonstration and tasting - £12.95 pp
 - Milton Keynes Shopping and Theatre or Milton Keynes and on to Stoney Stratford for Cream Tea with the Stoney Stratford WI

NEXT WI MEETING: 28.07.16

Speaker: Chelmsford Ballet Company – 'A Peek Behind the Scenes'

Competition: A Fancy Pair of Tights