

DOLPHIN WI
MEETING NEWSLETTER
28.07.16

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Welcome:

Apologies:

WI Meeting Minutes of 23.06.16 were read, agreed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

- **Dolphin WI Knitted Braintree Town** – Elaine Pye, Knitting Co-ordinator, said that the knitting group met on 22nd July and were still sewing the knitted Braintree and Bocking Public Gardens collage, which is now nearing completion.
The knitting group also has bookings to take the knitted town to East Hanningfield WI at the Village Hall on 15th February, 2017, and 20th March, 2017, at Great Wakering WI, who will both 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.
- **Essex Federation Mailing and Essex News** – Thank you to the volunteers who will be coming along to help put the Essex Federation Mailing together on 22nd September, 2016:
 1. Lesley Evans
 2. Beryl Ricketts
 3. Marion Mallett
 4. Sharon Cripps
 5. Jackie Bailey
 6. Margaret WoolmerHelpers will be advised of the travel arrangements at the August WI Meeting.
- **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. Elaine will lead a sub-committee in order to produce a scarecrow and Beryl Ricketts has put her name down to help. We would be really pleased to see other members join us.
- **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.
- **WI Meeting at Edinburgh Woollen Mill in Braintree on 22nd September – 20% off** - Elaine needs about 10 models for the evening. So far Maureen Woodward, Marion Jeffrey, Tessa Smith, Lesley Evans and Beryl Ricketts have volunteered. Please speak to Elaine if you would like to join the other models.
- **Strawberry Tea at June Mecklenburgh’s at 7.00 pm – Cost £5.00 –per person** – June Mecklenburg has kindly offered to host a Strawberry Tea on Friday, 19th August, 2016. You will be able to take part in various games etc. Tickets are on sale this evening.
- **Braintree Seedling** – Lesley will this evening ask where members wish the Braintree Seedling to be planted. Either Braintree and Bocking Public Gardens, this would cost £300.00 for it’s upkeep, the Community Centre or donate the tree to Denman College. Lesley will ask for a show of hands for the most popular preference.
- **August Raffle** – Lesley will ask members if they are willing for the proceeds of the August raffle to be donated to Denman. WI’s have been donating the raffle proceeds of one month each year. Lesley will this evening ask members if they are in agreement..
- **Show and Tell WI Meeting in February, 2017** – Elaine is currently organising a Show and Tell Meeting, where members talk about something which interests them for approximately 5 minutes. The idea is that we all get to know each other a little better. So far Lesley, Elaine and Barbara are willing to take part. Lesley will ask for more volunteers this evening.

- **Barclays Bank Group Workshop** – Lesley told the Committee Meeting that Barclays Bank is willing to do a Workshop on online banking, free of charge. Is this something which members are interested in? Lesley to ask for a show of hands to gauge interest at July WI Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- **2017 Diaries** – 2017 diaries are now available. The diaries have a deep red cover, red ribbon and an embossed coat of arms. The cost is £4.50. If you wish to order one, please add your name to the list on the Noticeboard.
Centenary Badges are also available at the cost of £3.50.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Event	Date	Venue	Cost	Additional Info	Deadline
Knitting Braintree Town	Friday, 22nd July, 2016, at 1.00 pm	Elaine Pye's Home – 12 Crummock Close			
Ladies Who Lunch	First Wednesday of month, 3rd August, 2016, at 12.00 noon	Cool Bean			
Book Club	Second Wednesday, 10th August, 2016 at 1.45 pm	Jenny's home			
Walking Club	Fourth Friday, 29th July, 2016, at 2.00 pm	Pattiswick Compasses		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	
Paper Craft Club with June Mecklenburgh	Monday, 8th August, 2016, 6.50pm for 7.00 pm	June Mecklenburgh's house	£4.00		
HandiCraft 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	Bargello Florentine Embroidery
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.	
New Speakers Day	Friday, 23rd September, 2016	WI Centre, Hatfield Peveral	£7.00 each	Please take packed lunch with you. Tea and coffee is	Elaine and Jan will go to this meeting.

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Fancy a Country Walk in Hawkwell??	Wednesday, 28th September, 2016, at 10.15 am for 10.30 am start	Car Park at Clements Hall Leisure Centre, Clements Hall Way, Hawkwell, SS5 4LN.	£4.50 inclusive of refreshments	This is approximately 3 mile walk.	
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** – Buckingham Palace outing is now full.
 - **Milton Keynes Shopping and on to Stoney Stratford for Cream Tea with Stoney Stratford WI – £35.00** - The outing will be leave Braintree at 8.30 am and arrive home at approximately 8.00 pm. After our shopping, we will leave Milton Keynes at 3.30 pm for tea with Stoney Stratford WI at 4.00 pm.
 - **Other suggestions for outings:**
 - NEC Flower Show and Food and Drink Show – June (14 members)
 - Ballet, Chelmsford – (14 members)
 - Chocolate Lady – demonstration and tasting - £12.95 pp
 - Christmas at Kew – (a light show) next year – leave at lunchtime and could include Oxford and Regent Street lights.
 - V & A – Masterpieces of English Medieval Embroidery – 1st October, 2016 – 5th February, 2017
 - Braintree Male Voice Choir and Colchester Military Wives Choir – Braintree Theatre - £8.00 – 3rd December, 2016
 - Barge Trip – Maldon
 - Wisley

NEXT WI MEETING: 25.08.16

Speaker: Andy Bennett – 'The View from Space'

Competition: A Polished Stone or Fossil