

DOLPHIN WI
MEETING NEWLETTER
25.08.16

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Welcome:

WI Committee Meeting Minutes of 23.07.16 to be read, agreed and signed. Please read Minutes through.

MATTERS ARISING:

- **Strawberry Tea at June Mecklenburgh's house** – The Strawberry Tea was a very successful evening. A very big thank you to June Mecklenburgh for hosting the event at her house and for making the most delicious cakes. Thank you to the members who assisted June with making scones. Members guessed how many Love Hearts were in the jar, guessed the name of the Teddy, supported the Tombola and the raffle, as well as completing two quizzes. This was a fund raising event and Jan Thacker, Treasurer, will advise us of the amount of money raised.

- **Dolphin WI Knitted Braintree Town** – Elaine Pye, Knitting Co-ordinator, said that the knitting group met on 5th August, 2017, and were sewing the knitted Braintree and Bocking Public Gardens collage, which is now nearing completion. The collage will, in fact, be framed in two weeks time.

They will meet again on Friday, 30th September, 2016.

The knitting group also has a booking 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 – Thursday, 22nd September, 2016, at 9.00 – 9.15 pm** – The following WI Members will be going to the WI Centre at Hatfield Peveral to take Dolphin's turn working on the monthly mailing.
 1. Lesley Evans
 2. Beryl Ricketts
 3. Marion Mallett
 4. Sharon Cripps
 5. Jackie Bailey
 6. Margaret Woolmer

We will advise you of the travelling arrangements this evening. Please take a packed lunch with you.

- **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 Pye will lead a sub-committee in order to produce a scarecrow. Beryl Ricketts joined the Sub-Committee to help. Please speak to Elaine if you would like to help create a Dolphin 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.
- **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, Cathleen Moore and Beryl Ricketts have volunteered. Edinburgh Woollen Mill will provide refreshments and the raffle.
- **Health and Pamper Evening** – The Committee has been discussing a Health and Pamper evening when we would ask some beauticians and relaxation experts to pamper you. Lesley will ask you this evening if this is of interest to you.

- **Braintree Seedling** – Lesley asked members where they wished to plant the Braintree Seedling. There is a choice of the Public Gardens, but will cost £300.00 for 3 years upkeep, Community Centre or donate to Denman. Two more suggestions at the July Meeting. Crossing Temple and Mark's Hall, although members felt Mark's Hall was not appropriate as they would have to pay to go and see the tree. Having discuss the Braintree Seedling last month, Lesley will discuss the decision.
- **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. So far we have two speakers. Lesley will ask members for more volunteers this evening.
- **Macmillan Coffee Morning hosted by Vicki Gordon – Tuesday, 13th September, 2016, at 11.00 am at 8, Thistley Green Road, CM7 9SE** – Dolphin member, Vicki Gordon, is hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning at 8, Thistley Green Road, CM7 9SE and would like to invite Dolphin Members along to help her support this worthy cause. Please bring along any husbands and friends. If you intend to accept Vicki's invitation, please could you call her on 01376 320899 to let her know for catering purposes. If Vicki does not answer, please leave a message.

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. Lesley will collect the diaries of those who put their names on the list last month on 8th September.
Centenary Badges are also available at the cost of £3.50.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Event	Date	Venue	Cost	Additional Info	Deadline
Knitting Braintree Town	Friday, 30th September, 2016, at 1.00 pm	Elaine Pye's Home – 12 Crummock Close			
Ladies Who Lunch	First Wednesday of month, 7th September, 2016, at 12.00 noon	Suggestions required			
Book Club	Second Wednesday, 14th September, 2016 at 1.45 pm	Jenny's home			
Walking Club	Fourth Friday, 26th August, 2016, at 2.00 pm	Gosfield Playing Field, Gosfield		Please call Beryl on 01376 322971 to let her know if you wish to join the walk	
Nifty Fifties Bowling	Second Friday, 14th October, 2016, at 1.30 pm	Bowling Centre, Freeport, Braintree	£5.00	Please call Sally on 01376 343768 or 07760 190078 to let her know if you wish to join the bowling	
Paper Craft Club with June Mecklenburgh	Monday, 12th September, 2016, 6.50pm for 7.00 pm	June Mecklenburgh's house	£4.00		
HandiCraft Club with Barbara	Monday, 26th September,	George Yard	£4.00	Please call Barbara Craig if	Needlefelt Brooch

Craig	2016, at 7.00 pm Lesley to give instructions to enter George Yard			you wish to come along on 01376 344546	
New Speakers Day	Friday, 23rd September, 2016	WI Centre, Hatfield Peveral	£7.00 each	Please take packed lunch with you. Tea and coffee is provided	Elaine and Jan will go to this meeting.
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, 8.00 am at Braintree Bus Park. Leave London at approximately 5.00pm – £57.00** - There are currently two spare seats, if anyone would like to come along.
 - **Milton Keynes Shopping and on to Stoney Stratford for Cream Tea with Stoney Stratford WI – approximately £35.00** - The outing will be leave Braintree at 8.30 am and arrive home at approximately 8.00 pm. We will leave Milton Keynes at 3.30 pm for afternoon tea with Stoney Stratford WI at 4.00 pm. Lesley will let members know the firm cost of the outing this evening.
 - **Other suggestions for outings:**
 - NEC Flower Show and Food and Drink Show – June (14 members)
 - Chocolate Lady – demonstration and tasting - £12.95 pp
 - Christmas at Kew – (a light show) next year – leave late morning, visit Harrods on the way to Kew – (40)
 - Braintree Male Voice Choir and Colchester Military Wives Choir – Braintree Theatre - £8.00 – 3rd December, 2016 - (24) – Jan to book 18 seats in Row B for 3.00 pm performance.

- Barge Trip – Maldon
- Wisley
- Chelmsford Ballet Production (32)
- **2017 and 2018 Outings**
Lesley asked members to think about meetings and outings for 2017 Essex Centenary and 2018 Dolphin 50th Anniversary.

NEXT WI MEETING: 25.08.16

Speaker: Edinburgh Woollen Mills Shop Manager - Edinburgh Woollen Mills Fashion Evening

Competition: No competition