

Wickhambrook Women's Institute Newsletter

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Keeping members and friends in touch

June Always eagerly anticipated this evening was our annual member run evening when committee members get a month off the normal organizing. This year we had all been kindly invited to the Manor Garden House, home of trustee and long standing member Mrs Gill Hanbury. With the help of several other ladies an evening in the delightful gardens was on offer with Croquet, quoits, splat the rat and hook a duck only a few of the delights to enjoy after a short time of institute business. Delicious refreshments were served and enjoyed in or out and fun and prizes to be won trying your hand at the games or just strolling around the grounds and vegetable areas and poly tunnels. Dorothy Anderson thanked Gill for her hospitality and all members involved in giving all present such a lovely evening in excellent company with very welcoming hostesses.



July is Carnival and Flower Show time in the village so after finalising the arrangements for our much anticipated afternoon teas and participation in the floats procession the ladies settled to listen to our guest The Rev John Eley speak. What a delight to listen to, such a raconteur as he regaled us with his upbringing as a shepherd's son in rural Suffolk and Norfolk, his career as a lighting technician in small theatres and venues later to be a lighting director in London's West End and at Sadler's Wells Opera. All this was even before he took holy orders and accidentally found himself a T.V. Cook appearing on Pebble Mill and TV AM for many years while combining it with the life and duties of community priest finally rising to become a Canon in the church. His wonderful style of delivering his stories and observations was both very funny and touching, while his irreverent views on contemporary life had his audience equally rolling in the aisles. An excellent evening all round.



August This month's talk was on Growing Vines at Ickworth, with Jill Macready, a very able and interesting speaker. She and her husband leased the Walled Garden from the National Trust in 1995 and had great critical success with the wine they produced. The hard work and dedication they needed for the work was evident in the slides we were shown and we all enjoyed a glass of sparkling Suffolk Pink during the talk. Jill and her husband were involved in a serious car accident a few years ago, but even this did not stop them from producing their wine, with help from her parents. There are no longer any vines at Ickworth as it is now National Trust policy to return all walled gardens to their original purpose, but undaunted, Jill launched 'Adopt a vine' on Facebook and Twitter so the vines live on, most of them in East Anglia. We thoroughly enjoyed Jill's company and wish her well in her next venture at a vineyard in Halesworth.

September

Hearing about the work of the East Anglian Children's Hospices from fundraiser Sue Fisher was an interesting, if sobering yet humorous experience at this month's meeting. It takes £15,000 a week to run each of the three badly needed establishments in the E.A.C.H. organization therefore funds have to be sought and gained by any means possible. They have children and their families relying on their trained staff and offered services so it is vital to keep finding the funds that make such a difference and aid those with life limiting illnesses. An excellent speaker, volunteering to work for such a worthwhile charity.



Forthcoming Meetings

Tuesday, 8th October, Beautiful Accessories with Amanda Sutherland.

Tuesday, 12th November, Serviette work with Ann Datson.

Tuesday, 10th December, Members Christmas Party.

Please come and join us at our monthly meetings,

We'll be so pleased to see you again!

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