

Wickhambrook Women's Institute Newsletter

Summer 2014 Issue

Keeping members and friends in touch

There has been lots of chat and delicious tea and cake at the tea parties held so far,
look out for future afternoons to come and enjoy. All Welcome!!

June The members took over this month giving the committee a month off. Always a surprise to those attending each year, the business having been dealt with we were encouraged to take part in a games evening. There was Whist to learn or play in tables of four, scrabble for wordsmiths and echoes of childhood with snakes and ladders, ludo and other such family favourites. Half time and homemade cheese straws, sausage rolls and strawberry cream scones were served accompanied by refreshing tea or coffee, very welcome even on a warm evening. There was prizes for winners and losers and fun for all. President Dorothy Anderson warmly thanked and congratulated all members who had organized this most enjoyable meeting.

July They say confession is good for the soul and Speaker Rosemary Jacobs bared her all telling members of her experiences during her employment by "Spirella" as a corset counsellor. After a one day training over each of ten weeks, she was dropped in the deep end during 1972 to find herself a career helping all sorts of ladies choose the best underwear for their figures, circumstances and their pocket.

An excellent raconteur, telling the stories with warmth, compassion and accurate recall, that it left her listeners laughing out loud at one moment and almost weeping at the next. The daily dilemmas she faced while helping women after medical procedures were very hard to deal with and had a profound effect on Rosemary and meant she would go the extra mile to aid courageous women striving through heart-breaking conditions. "There's always one!" her tutor told her on completing her training and Rosemary certainly has had her share of these, a wonderful evening was had by all, we highly recommend you invite her to tell all to you!!

August Despite the holiday season there was still a good attendance at the August meeting to hear all about the successful Carnival teas and other events of the summer. Half of the funds raised will be used to maintain our Hall for the use of members and public hirers alike and half was given to the Carnival Committee to support other village facilities.

Speaker Sheila Jeffrey, from Marie Curie Cancer Care gave members a rundown on how the charity was formed, operates, is financed and how patients can access their expertise in end of life care for people in their own homes. There are changes in the near future concerning the goals of the service and a name change will be announced after the annual Daffodil Appeal in 2015. Marie Curie's name and influence will still be retained but a new focus on all life limiting conditions being treated and helped is proposed. Members wished Sheila and the charity well with the changes and hoped they would only improve the care given to all who require it, both patients, carers and families alike.

September Although there were several members missing away on holiday those present gleaned tips on emergency first aid from guest speaker, Joan Horner. Drawing on her many years of experience with the Red Cross she took us all back to basics explaining how items around us can provide simple but effective relief prior to professional help being available. Joan spoke passionately explaining everything clearly with humour and common sense and everyone went home with ideas that hopefully we will not ever have to use. But who knows!!

Forthcoming Meetings

Come and hunt for your Christmas presents at our annual Xmas Fayre!

ALL WELCOME

Saturday 15th November 2014

2pm in W.I. Hall

Tuesday, 14th October : Washboard Workshop with Sue Butcher

Tuesday, 11th November : History of Music Hall with Bryan Thurlow

Tuesday, 9th Christmas Party. (Members Only)

Please come and join us at our monthly meetings, we'll be so pleased to see you again!

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