

Wickhambrook Women's Institute Newsletter

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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!!

October Anyone in earshot of this month's meeting could be forgiven for wondering what was occurring as various tapping rhymes were tried out by members in a washboard workshop with Sue Butcher. Thimbles were flying across the boards doing differently named tapped rhymes such as "Gin and Tonic", "Strawberry cheesecake" and "Raspberry milkshake". Percussion was added including cymbals, triangles, shakers and car horns to add to the general noise as members tried to harmonize together. Don't think we managed it but it was such fun trying!! Sue was excellent at encouraging us and our version of Jerusalem was epic! (NOT)! A wacky evening to be recommended for any programme to come in the future.

November It was a delight to have Mr Bryan Thurlow join us to give members a pocket history of the Music Hall. A wonderful raconteur with a melodic singing voice and resplendent in a waistcoat similar to a gavel wielding Chairman, he plotted the rise and fall of the music hall whist accompanying his anecdotes and facts with songs and ditties of the time. What a collection these were on such diverse subjects as food and drink, relationships and eccentric characters and events. Some humorous, others sad and gloomy and many with a nasty sting in the tail. We all enjoyed singing along while recoiling at some of the gruesome subjects chosen while wondering why they were ever written to begin with!! Bryan's extensive and varied theatrical background and experience coupled with his infectious enthusiasm and vast knowledge made for a super evening.

December It was a lovely way to end the year and get into the Christmas spirit joining together to enjoy a festive evening organized by our hard working committee. A welcoming drink and delicious canapés greeted our arrival. A wonderful spread was then laid before us with turkey, ham, salmon, baked potatoes, crusty bread and a variety of salads to accompany our choices. Home-made desserts to tempt followed along with cheeses, mince pies and tea or coffee. There was entertainment too, delightfully presented by Pip Wright with his saucy, seasonal songs along with those commenting on our modern technological society, great fun and very cleverly composed too! After thank you gifts were distributed, the president Dorothy Anderson invited members and guests to choose a present from the tree as they left. A super evening, much enjoyed, well done to all involved.

January 2015

There was a good turnout for the first meeting of the year.

Unfortunately the speaker was unable to come at the last minute but we were informed and entertained by a worthy substitute, Alan Mitchell, a qualified osteopath. He brought along a model of the spine and showed us how it works and told us how to prevent and treat common injuries as well as answering many questions.

In October, members had all been given a hyacinth bulb to grow at home and bring along to this meeting and there was much hilarity over the differences in growth, height and flower production. A competition to identify places in Suffolk from photographs was won by Joyce Draycott and Gill Hanbury. Some scrapbooks from previous years were on show and members enjoyed reminiscing about past events.

The new programme has been ably produced by Veronica Wiseman and there are lots of interesting subjects for members to look forward to. This will be a busy year for the WI, not just in Suffolk but nationally too as it is the Centenary of the founding of the first Institute in Britain.

Forthcoming Meetings

Tuesday, 10th February, Saving Britain's Hedgehogs with Jill Macreeedy

Tuesday 10th March, Further stories of the Millennium Tower with Horry Parsons

Tuesday 14th April, "Savvy Shopping" with Liza Jones

Dates for Diaries Spring Tea Party, Friday 20th March 2015 from 2pm to 4pm

ALL WELCOME

SPRING FAYRE

Saturday 21st March
2015

2pm in W.I. Hall.

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

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