

**Women's  
Institute**

# Wickhambrook News

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*Keeping members and friends in touch*

## December 2006

What a special evening we had this December when we the Wickhambrook Institute celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. We invited guests from the other institutes of the Gallops group and our W.I. Advisor Roz Melvin to join in the fun. The suitably decorated hall and a delicious punch served to all on arrival set the mood and after words of welcome from President Dorothy Anderson, the Risby Singers with a selection of songs delightfully entertained us. They finished with several seasonal carols for everyone to join in with and were warmly applauded and much enjoyed by all.

The birthday cake was cut by our three senior members Mrs Ivy Haygreen, Mrs Helen Metcalfe and Mrs Audrey Burton and served to everyone accompanied by pink champagne. A Denman Bursary was awarded and won by Sue Burton Griffiths and an especially super raffle drawn with lots of lovely prizes. The atmosphere in the hall was warm and wonderful a super way to mark our 80<sup>th</sup> year, here is to eighty more!

## January 2007

For the first proper meeting of our 80th birthday year we had an "at home" with members showing and telling about something that they treasure, not of any monetary value but dear to them all the same. There were a variety of items from a daughter's first dancing dress made with love that led on to a very successful dancing career around the world to wedding presents bought by children with pennies for their teacher as she left her first job to get married which are still in use today over 40 years later. There were poems, a wayward hat, a special doll, visits to Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace and items evoking memories from growing up and later working in a bakery. Each story was unique and enjoyed by all and everyone taking part was warmly thanked for sharing their treasures with us.

## *Coming Soon!*

### Jumble Sale

17th March at 2pm  
in W.I. Hall

### Quiz Evening

24th March '07

7.30pm in W.I.Hall

£4 per person, includes a  
Ploughman's supper

Book a Table now for your  
team of 4!

## February 2007

On a damp and rainy evening member's danced their winter blues away with the help and accompaniment of Derek Green and his wife. With Derek, calling instructions, we attempted a variety of Barn, Square and Folk dances. His music and enthusiasm was infectious and everyone either taking part or watching had a smile on their face.

President Dorothy Anderson warmly, if a little out of breath, thanked him for such an energetic evening. We were also very pleased to welcome three ladies, Ruth, Sally and Denise who become full members of the institute tonight.

Please come and join us at our monthly meetings we'd be so pleased to see you again. For any more info contact Sue Blaza 01638 500264

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