

WICKHAMBROOK W.I. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR MAY 2020

FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL

Another year enjoyed, with membership increased to 44 members. A quick look back to last year's programme:

In May 2019 we commence our year with The AGM followed this time with A Blind Auction.

'A Book For Everyone' for our June Meeting, a visit and walk around Lackford Lakes and The Literary lunch with Terry Waite, our guest speaker – a fantastic day as Terry told of his life and experiences.

July was Carnival Day, serving teas in the WI Hall. Our speaker for that month was Oggie Welden with 'Couture Millinery'. We also had A Historic House Visit to Saffron Walden, with tea and cake provided. St Gregory's Fellowship from Sudbury toured our local church with The History Society , the WI providing tea and cake to complete their afternoon.

The Members Meeting for August opted for a visit to The Local Cooper's Vineyard, very popular.

'A Turkish Shirley Valentine' for September meeting with later that month a musical singsong on a Saturday Evening with Bury's Ukelele Band. The Hall was also used for the village's Macmillan Tea Party, with members helping and cooking.

October saw the launch of SW Grand Centenary Programme for the Year at Culford School, many members attended. Our own meeting was 'Medical Detection Dogs'.

The Xmas Fair was well supported in November by the village. Our meeting talk that month 'The Splendour of Jewellery', also popular.

Members attended The West Suffolk Carol Concert at St. Mary's Church in December and we enjoyed our own Christmas Party. A delicious Xmas Turkey Dinner put on by The Committee. Well done to all who helped.

We saw the first meeting of 2020 with The Suffolk Accident Rescue Service, while for February, 'Dad's Army'. 'How to have a Healthy Back' for March.

Then our Programme had to be cancelled but those speakers will be used in the future.

Most months we have a Competition related when possible to our talk, plus a Half Hour Social. A full Programme for all members to enjoy.

Our Craft group provide a Xmas Stall for the Fair. Two Reading Groups meet each month to keep the mind active, and two Walking Groups aim to keep the body fit.

We also see popular films at Haverhill Arts Centre and a Village Tea Party once a month for anyone who enjoys tea, cake and a chat. We dine at local pubs and Edmunds Restaurant at Bury College during the winter months.

Improvements have needed to be made to the Hall also. As well as general painting and maintenance a new PVC Back Door has been provided, and we are now awaiting new Kitchen Flooring.

I think we can say, a successful year, well done to the Committee and all Members.

Gillian Cooper – Secretary.