

WI Report 2017

It was when I came to write this report I realised how much we had done since our last meeting here in 2016.

I will aim to give you the highlights...

We continue to have 27 ladies as members and the committee aims to deliver speakers in which they express an interest or which we think may educate, inform or entertain.

We have had Jason Salisbury from Suffolk Cheeses and John Warwicker who was a secret service policeman for Harold Wilson, Jim Callaghan and Margaret Thatcher.

We have also heard about the beginnings of The Constitution Holiday camp in 1929 which is now Potters Resort.

By far our most popular speaker this year was Andy Malcolm who came from The Fisherman's Mission to tell us about The True Cost of Fish. An uninspiring title we thought but when we heard that the work of the charity was to support families whose loved ones had been killed or injured in the course of bringing the fish to our table we realised The True Cost of Fish. His talk was peppered with sea shanties which gave a good balance to the evening and he had a great voice!

Looking ahead we will be learning more about the Suffolk Punch horse, Tudor Life and Remarkable Women of Ipswich.

Our pennies which we place next to the competition items each meeting are collected together and sent off to ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) which supports poorer women to gain skills and training in less fortunate areas of the world.

Outside of Worlingworth we travel to the larger Group Meetings held locally twice a year where we have been entertained by the folk group Syzewell Gap and educated about climbing Everest when you are a woman in your 50's, (somebody did ask the question in everybodies mind ... how do you go to the loo on the side of Mount Everest... I'll say no more but it did involve some agility and mind over matter).

Next week we will be hearing from the record breaking double amputee Duncan Slater as he returns from his recent historical challenge of completing 6 marathons in the Sahara Desert.

The Federation Annual meeting at Trinity Park enabled members to catch up with ladies from other WI's. We also if we wish were able to donate bathroom items to women in war torn areas of the world as a van goes out to the Ukraine each year with our donations.

This year the speaker was one of the hosts from the BBC programme Coast and last year the pastry chef from the Royal Household.

We also take part in Suffolk East Federation events such as the Spring and Summer quizzes, the treasure hunt, archery taster sessions and rifle shooting (except that was over subscribed so we hope to take part in the next one!). In the summer we generally go to see the Summer Plays at Southwold but last year we kept it local and had an Evening With Maud in Kenton.

On a village level we like to take part where we can. Last year we ran a successful Ice Off competition for the Loan Party Weekend as well as serving the teas and we will once again be at the fete in June and look forward to seeing you all there.