

Pulham and District WI Annual Report 2022 - 2023

Through the last year we have enjoyed getting back to normal after the lockdown and meeting each month with our friends.

In the early part of 2022 we learned about how to keep our feet healthy from Paul Turner, heard about Children in Care from Rosemary Steer, Teaching in Prison and After from Rosalind Teague, What we could do with a Nun's dress from Katie Denten and the Dog's Trust from Emily Matthews. Tony Diamond visited us twice, the first time at very short notice when the planned speaker cancelled. His topics were the Shipping Forecast and then on his second visit, the Mayflower Puritans. Liz Barker came along in June to tell us more about the resolution to be put forward at the National Annual Meeting. Our June meeting was just a week after the Bank Holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, so we followed Liz's talk with a Jubilee supper. Committee supplied a lovely spread which we enjoyed while listening to a selection of music from the 1950s. July was our Garden Party and members met in our President's garden to enjoy playing games on the lawn followed by a cream tea.

In the autumn Terry Pegg told us about the World War 1 Table cloth and the history of the Red Cross Hospitals in Harleston and we listened to the Windmill Bellringers. In December we had a Christmas party with party games and everyone brought a plate of food to share. We also had an extra short talk about the situation in Ukraine from Judith Naunton who told us about the Mercy Mission taking supplies out there and explaining what we could do to help. Following this, Members donated bedding, clothing and other necessities to help fill the lorry.

We have already made a good start to the New Year with Donna Wells explaining how the Bowen Therapy can treat a number of painful conditions.

In May nine of us had a trip into Norwich for a tour of the Cathedral. This was a follow up to a talk in September 2021 about Norwich Cathedral from Philip Tuckwood, one of the guides. Following lunch at the refectory we met Philip and he showed us round the building and he told us many bits of interesting information. The outing was the same day as our May meeting so it was a bit of a rush to get back to Pulham in time but we all made it!

In December we met at the Red Lion and enjoyed a delicious pre-Christmas lunch.

We joined a village event, organised by the Horticultural Society, on the Green in June and had a stall selling baked goods and books. In September we had our usual stall at the carnival. At both these events we raised money for our funds while publicising our meetings.

The craft group meets on the first and third Friday each month in the Brew House. We are hoping to get the Darts Group, which stopped due to lock down, going again soon.

We hope that things will now continue to get back to normal and we will all be able to carry on meeting together with all our friends in the Memorial Hall usually on the second Thursday each month. We look forward to welcoming new members who would like to come along and join our friendly group.