

Wickhambrook Women's Institute Newsletter

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Keeping members and friends in touch

A Right Royal Jubilee celebration!!

It was a very colourful sight all the red, white and blue decorating the Wickhambrook W.I. hall, the tables, plates, food and especially the partygoers all adorned in the national colours. Some wore masks, others hats and tiaras as well as Union Jack brooches, necklaces, pins and badges for everyone was there to celebrate her Majesty's Diamond anniversary of 60 years. The theme was the 50's with the music and including a sing along led by Jo Stokes, having all the well-known favourites of that decade, Land of hope and glory was sung with passion and gusto accompanied by flag waving and cheers. The buffet included such gems as spam and corned beef sandwiches,



Coronation Chicken, several kinds of trifle and fruit jellies beautifully arranged and quickly devoured and enjoyed by all. There was a great deal of chat, dancing, a raffle and a wonderful cake made by Jenny Stone to be cut and shared around along with engraved glasses as mementos of the patriotic evening of fun and friendship sharing this outpouring of Jubilee joy. The evening finished with an enthusiastic rendering of Rule Britannia and of course God Save the Queen again with many cheers and much flag waving. Thanks must be warmly extended to all contributing to and the organising of such a special evening for a unique moment in our countries history.

In July the members took over with Thelma Farrow in the chair ably supported by Angela Cross and other ladies. After brief business, Tim Freathy was introduced. Just over a year ago Tim was working as a civil servant but due to government cuts was made redundant so decided to try and make a dream a reality by working a small holding and opening a farm shop to deal direct with the public. He had dabbled previously in a small way but after finding the 6 acre property in Depden he has opened his own farm shop, café and smallholdering training center. He spoke with obvious passion for local, seasonal produce while explaining his core principles in running the business using ethical and sustainability as key issues and giving back half of any profit to those less fortunate than himself. He offered tastings to all of several samples of products stocked and answered questions from the floor. He was warmly thanked by Deirdre Smith.

On a hot humid, August evening we heard about the work of the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service (SARS) from its administrator Colin French. All members are highly trained in immediate care and trauma and assist the regular emergency services when required. Everyone is a volunteer giving of their free time, expertise and skills as well as using their own vehicles and paying for the fuel to run them too. This is a valuable resource to the county and beyond financed totally by donations but seriously feeling the pinch in these economic times. There was a bring and buy at the meeting with all funds raised being given to SARS to help keep their excellent work going. President Dorothy Anderson warmly thanked Mr French and congratulated all the ladies for their unfailing help and support throughout this past very busy, profitable but most enjoyable summer of events and activities for the Institute.

In the wake of the Olympics we had our own insight into the life of a Games Maker from Hilary Bradfield who took charge of the

September meeting, in full uniform, bringing a variety of different souvenirs to show from her adventures volunteering at London 2012. Her stories and gossip were much enjoyed. Following this we welcomed Ruth Miller to tell us all about the history and way of life in The Foundling Hospital. Being a foundling herself her experiences had members listening in engrossed awe while admiring her amazing strength of character trying to understand the reasons for her placement in the Hospital at the age of just 4 months and her



subsequent childhood because of it. A wonderful speaker, very poignant and so inspiring for those present.

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

Forthcoming meetings

October 9th "Who do you think we were" Members

November 13th Poetry Please with Sue Thompson

December 11th Christmas Party

W.I. Christmas Fair

Saturday 17th November 2012

**at 2pm in W.I. Hall,
Wickhambrook**

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