

## Creting St Mary WI.

We celebrated our 76 th birthday this April with afternoon tea in the Village Hall. We had Queen Bee from Stowmarket cater for us, it was a lovely relaxed afternoon.

We continue to meet most months on the second Wednesday.

At the beginning of the year we had a meeting full of nostalgia. Arthur Stephenson brought films along of the drama group's Christmas concerts in 2006 and 2011, it was wonderful to see friends now and then, performing comical scripts.

Our August meeting will again be an outing, this year our trip is to Peter Beales rose garden near Attleborough, with afternoon tea and a talk by one of the rose specialists. We hope to fill a coach with members, villagers and friends.

We have a garden meeting in June, we are looking forward to visiting All Saints Barn, Lower Lane, courtesy of Trilly and Marvin.

We try to make our programme as varied as possible, speakers include Hattie Bennet who brought her cello and told her life story through music. Our May speaker was Margo Harrison with her dog Linus. Margo gave us a wonderful talk on the work of the charity 'Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. Margo, herself profoundly deaf spoke of the work and how dogs are trained to help individual people with their specific needs. Linus a cocker spaniel was allowed at the end of the talk to come and say hello, he was gorgeous.

In September we have a speaker from the Commonwealth War Graves who will talk on The CWGC; GARDENING THE WORLD.

Visitors are always very welcome, please come and join us.

Our patch work group continues, run by Pam Primmer and a monthly walk is enjoyed and organised by Marion.

Other courses are available through SE WI, Suffolk East WI and recently three of our members spent a day lino cutting and printing.

To finish this report, looking ahead, we are having a coffee morning in the VH on Saturday September 16 th to promote the work of the WI and ours in particular.

There will be crafts and displays and a chance to view our WI archives. A princess will be visiting for the younger children who love Disney.

WI is a way of meeting up with friends, building friendships and feeling part of the community.

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Creting St Mary WI May 2023.