

Thornborough and Thornton WI report 2019

Whilst the W.I is often more associated with tea than hard liquor, the first event on our Autumn calendar was a hedgerow spirit night where we raided our local hedges for fruit and swirled them around in various types of white alcohol in readiness for a delicious winter tipple.

John Noakes spoke about the colours of Autumn in October and in November - back to hard liquor again, with a visit from Nick of Foxdenton, whose delicious gins are sold locally and were indeed seen to fly off the shelves here in the village hall.

Perhaps more importantly, in November 2018, there was a change of our personnel. Jan Davies, Ren Wyatt and Suzanne Osborn stepped down from office - to be replaced by Teresa Connolly as President, Pam King as Secretary and Sue Percival as Treasurer.

Such changes inevitably have brought new ideas to the table: for example, by mutual arrangement the monthly pop up café in Thornborough village hall they now supply cakes for the WI meeting, thereby avoiding food waste. We support them and who knows one day they might join us?

We're always on the look-out for new members and have managed to gather another eight so far in the last six months. There is always room for more, however, and we keep a beady eye for new girls in Thornborough and Thornton.

At Christmas, we were entertained by the local Ukulele band which harbours at least three people from Thornborough. In the new year we listened to Arthur Smith talk about teaching and also Anna Conti about her business in stained glass.

One of our most interesting talks in 2019 has been from our very own Janet Glew who spoke about her perfume bottle collection with great authority and detail.

Our 2020 programme is being organised as we speak, with many interesting topics and presenters promised.

Next year is also the centenary of the Buckinghamshire Federation of Women's Institutes thus many new and exciting events are planned to celebrate this 100th anniversary.

In addition to events held in Thornborough village hall, there are also many other local, county and national events that WI members are entitled to attend, though early booking is needed, as they are always very popular.

Our W.I. meetings are always advertised on posters locally in Thornborough and Thornton as well as via the printed Thornborough News delivered to both communities and online via the Thornborough eNews Facebook page too.

We meet at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of every month. All are welcome, including men even though they can't become members! They can visit though; that's if they need a change from their sheds.

Cath Sayer and Teresa Connolly, May 2019