## Chairperson's Report 2016-2017

Our April meeting was the usual short AGM with no shocks to the committee and we enjoyed our social and finger buffet. The Charity tin for SARS was handed over to a Doctor, representing the charity, who gave a really good talk explaining why we need this service. In May our mystery tour took us to Dream On in Thorndon where we were treated to tea and cake and a scarfology demonstration from Amanda.

Our annual garden party was at Rosie and Jerry Bassett's amazing garden, followed by a supper in the Village Hall. Beautiful weather graced our outing to Sandringham via Swaffham in July. Back in the Hall for September when our own star of Radio Suffolk, Kelly McCormack, gave us a talk about her job and put us on the spot to read out that day's news. In October Barry Marshall a woodcarver extraordinaire amazed us with examples of his skill and gave a really informative talk. It was a great presentation.

We got back to basics in November and potato printed Christmas paper and labels whilst enjoying mulled wine and mince pies. Our Christmas meal was, as seems to be the norm, at the White Horse. Great value and a good night out.

In January we had our film evening watching 'The Holiday' and ignoring the choc ices in the freezer! February saw a welcome return of Lindsay Penny who led a miniature box making workshop for Valentine's Day.

We abandoned the Village Hall in March as it was undergoing a transformation and went to the Theatre in Ipswich with members and friends instead.

We hope to gain some new members this coming year as we believe we offer a very varied selection of activities for a very reasonable price. They will be made most welcome.

And of course a great big thank you to the Committee whose hard work ensures that this long established Wickham Skeith village group maintains its position in our community life.