

## **Hilltop Women's Group – Our 40<sup>th</sup> Year!**

Our AGM in April 2011 saw the resignation of Sue Merriam as Treasurer and Dorothy Froude from Mendlesham was elected in her place. No other changes were made. Usual buffet and social followed.

Our May meeting was a night at Wickham Skeith movies – Mama Mia to be precise. (It was instead of an evening out) – Great Fun.

The annual garden party was kindly hosted by Anne Munns of Wickham Hall. A 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cake and glasses of fizz were enjoyed to celebrate the 40 years of Hilltop. We then returned to the Village Hall for our meal.

In July, an outing to Snape for coffee, Reydon for lunch and Southwold for a wander and matinee for the theatre. A long, but enjoyable day.

In September, to prove that it's never too late to do what you've always wanted to do, Jenny Chapman and Jo Hutchinson told us about their continued success in Dressage and Ballroom Dancing respectively. Neither will see 50 again! They were inspirational ... and we loved the frocks!

The October meeting was a return visit by American, Linda Scoles. Quite a favourite on the circuit for her humour and insight into an American serviceman's wife's life.

Our all time favourite, Elizabeth Talbot, joined us in November for yet another Antiques Roadshow. A great crowd for such a lovely, gracious speaker. No real treasures unearthed but we found out such interesting facts about our items.

We shared a Christmas meal at The Black Horse at Thorndon, which was excellent, in December. No snow this year!

Our January get together was a film evening with pop corn and ice cream. In February, as a departure from our usual jumble sale (thank you to another village organisation for taking that one on!), we held an afternoon tea à la Ritz complete with cake stands, china cups and tablecloths. The Committee pulled out all the stops and we had a super afternoon.

The March meeting was hosted by Sue Hudson, a bread maker, who made (with assistance) two types of bread in an hour!

And so endeth another year. Enjoyable, educational, fun, thought-provoking and very successful. Sincere thanks to all the members for their continued attendance and a special thank you to all Committee members. A great supportive team to work with.

Margaret Knights