

Hilltop Chairperson's Report

Our 2015-16 has been, as usual, as varied as we can make it. Our membership is still strong but some new faces would always be made welcome.

The 2015 April AGM was followed by a presentation of the charity tin to a representative of Homestart. A buffet and social time rounded off the evening. In May we had our 'mystery' trip to Bays Farm Garden for a chilly walk round and a cup of tea.

Our June event, as always, was our garden party which was kindly hosted by Carol Galsworthy before we went back to the warmth of the Village Hall for our delicious sharing supper. The July outing was fairly local, involving a free-time morning in Woodbridge, a great lunch at the Red Lion in Martlesham then on to a boat trip down the River Deben and back which involved some very impressive coach driving in Waldringfield!

We came back in September after our summer break and enjoyed a Well-being for Women evening presented by Jilly Newstead and Jan Kelly. Our October event was a talk about the family who founded Banham Zoo. In November we decorated mini Christmas cakes, complete with boxes and enjoyed mulled wine and a chance to chat.

Our December Christmas meal was at Stoke Ash White Horse Inn which was very good value as usual.

Our January film was the most enjoyable Saving Grace which we appreciated accompanied by choc ices and popcorn. The February meeting fell on Shrove Tuesday, so pancakes were eaten and mardi gras masks were made. A good fun night.

Jan Roberts led the March meeting with an excellent power-point presentation on the history of Doll's houses with examples and articles to inspire us.

We hope that there has been something for everyone and that our membership, in spite of people leaving the area, will stay strong and the women of Wickham Skeith can continue the tradition of Hilltops.

A huge thank you to all the members and the committee for their support, suggestions and cup washing skills. Here's to our next year.

Margaret Knights