



# THURTON, ASHBY & DISTRICT WI

Charity Reg. No 101754



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Dear Madam

## **Thurton, Ashby and District Women's Institute** **Report 2010 – 2011**

Thank you for your letter requesting a report on the activities of Thurton, Ashby and District WI over the past 12 months.

We have a membership of 24 and meet on a monthly basis for our members' meetings as well as monthly committee meetings.

Our WI continued to provide members with social events and outings as well as our usual monthly meetings. In fact as I have re read the minutes of the meetings for this year I am astonished at the wide variety of opportunities a member from our WI has been offered in the past 12 months.

We have received invitations from our friends from nearby WIs for example Chedgrave, Brooke, Broome, Poringland, Langley and Hardley, Loddon, Ditchingham Rockland St Mary and Thurton, and even more.

In return we have extended invitations to our local WI friends welcomed visitors from them and had many favourable reports of our renowned hospitality.

All meetings were held at Thurton Village Hall except for a meeting held at Claxton Village Hall, our garden meeting held with the kind hospitality of one of our members, and a meeting was held another member's home as our usual date clashed with an election.

Visits were taken by members, sometimes including partners to Specfactory, Theatre Royal, Norwich and a boat trip on the Yare from Norwich to Surlingham.. Also we have enjoyed visits to Loddon Pantomime, Caithness Glass and the BBC studios.

I have also been reminded of the wide variety of things you, the members, have become involved with; the recipe book that is being compiled, our regular walks, fund raising through our trading stall, reporting to the local press about our activities, the Peal of Belles, our 10 pin bowling team, our annual jumble sale as well as the needlework created to illustrate our local WI which will be incorporated into a banner by the Norfolk office.

Members all pitched in to provide the refreshments for an afternoon tea as well as our Open Meeting. Both of these events provided entertainment for members and guests as well as raising funds for this WI.

Let's not forget our competitions; every month members find something to bring here so that our speaker can judge the most appropriate entry and ultimately the person with the most points can look forward to looking after the rose bowl for the following year.

Speaking of competitions at Thurton School children from one family were awarded the WI prize for the Care and Consideration Cup and a member was on hand to make the presentation.

We have taken part in village events over the past year and continue to do so as well as promoting events in Thurton, Ashby St Mary and surrounding villages at our meetings.

In conclusion I hope I have illustrated, by giving you just a taste of what we do, that we are a thriving, forward thinking Women's Institute.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Maggie Coe  
Secretary, Thurton, Ashby and District Women's Institute