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Thurton, Ashby and District Women's Institute Report 2012-2013

Thank you for your notice requesting a report on the activities of Thurton, Ashby and District Women's Institute for the past year.

We have a membership today of 27 ladies meeting on the first Thursday of every month at Thurton and Ashby Village Hall. The exception being July when we had a garden party in a member's garden, the weather was perfect. At our meetings we had some interesting speakers who spoke about A Winter Garden, Sugar Craft, Victorian Fashion and Blickling Hall. We enjoyed outings which included Shropham Hall, Theatre Royal, Loddon Pantomime, Van Dal Shoe Factory, Caithness and a meal out. On July 16<sup>th</sup> we were involved in a pop video, riding around the countryside in a 1960s coach, which led to a mystery tour to Snape Malting and Alburgh in a similar vintage coach. We have a team of Bell Ringers who played at weddings in various churches. Our Indoor Bowls Team won the 2012 Tournament, we are very proud of them. An Entertainment Committee was set up to provide entertainment for our December Birthday Party; good fun was had by all. Fund raising has included a jumble sale, afternoon tea with a fashion show where members were models. To celebrate the Queen's 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee we had an afternoon tea and three of our ladies made two beautiful kneelers for Thurton and Ashby Churches. We enjoy visiting other W I's, taking part in quizzes and strawberry teas. In turn they visit us for our Open Meetings etc. with our ladies providing their usual wonderful refreshments. Again, it was a pleasure to present the Cup for Care and Consideration to a pupil at Thurton School. We attended Autumn Meetings across the county and the A G M at St Andrews Hall. You should've heard the hundreds of ladies, in full voice, singing Jerusalem.

We hope that we have given a good, brief account on what we do, the fun and friendship we share. Visitors are always very welcome.

Yours Sincerely

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