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**Thurton, Ashby and District Women's Institute Report 2011-2012**

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

We have a membership of 25 people and meet on a monthly basis for our members meetings as well as our monthly committee meetings.

Our WI continues to provide members with social events and outings as well as our usual monthly meetings. We are always amazed by the wide variety of opportunities members from the WI have been offered in the past 12 months.

We received many invitations from our friends in nearby WI's and in return they have visited us, we are well known for our hospitality. Usually our meetings are held in Thurton Village Hall, except for when we meet at Claxton Village Hall in August, and our annual garden party which was held at a member's home and the General Election.

Visits were taken by members, sometimes including partners, we have visited Strangers Hall, Norwich's Theatre Royal. Also visits to Loddon Pantomime, Caithness Glass, and meals out.

We have also been reminded of the wide variety of things we have become involved with; the recipe book which is being compiled, our walks, fundraising through trade stalls, reporting to the local press about our activities, the Peal of Belles, our ten pin bowling team, our annual jumble sale as well as providing teams for quiz's. We also have a wealth of speakers giving us interesting talks on a wide variety of subjects.

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

At Thurton School, children were awarded the WI prize for Care and Consideration a Cup was presented by one of our members.

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

We celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last year. A newsletter had been compiled by three of our members and was delivered to every house in Thurton, Ashby and District.

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

Yours Sincerely

Eve Redden

Secretary, Thurton, Ashby and District Women's Institute