

THURTON, ASHBY & DISTRICT WI – Report for 2019 Ashby APM

The WI was founded in Thurton in 1961 and now has a membership of 35.

We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall, with the exception of August when we hold a Garden Party in the garden of one of our members. We have a Speaker or Demonstration each month and these are very varied.

During the last twelve months we have had a talk and demonstration from Marsh Pig charcuterie, a wine talk and tasting from Chet Valley Wines, a flower arranging demonstration from one of our members as well as Bollywood Dancing with members attempting the intricate steps and hand movements and will be welcoming a speaker from Hotter shoes and another from Clinks Care farm in the coming months. We try to find speakers who appeal to our varied audience and as well as a speaker there is always a welcome cuppa and biscuit.

We have two 10 Pin Bowling teams and two Darts teams and these compete against other WI's in Norfolk, last year we won the 10 Pin Bowling Trophy & this year hoping to do the same. One of the darts teams made it to the quarter finals before being knocked out.

Each month there is a lunch organised somewhere in the area and various outings are enjoyed to places such as the Big C research Centre at John Innes Institute, the Sainsbury Centre, Elizabethan House in Great Yarmouth, and many other interesting venues.

2 members recently joined the Celebration choir, formed from Norfolk WI's which sang at a Centenary Celebration service held in Norwich Cathedral. 2 other members, together with 80 other W.I's, processed with personalized banners or tablecloths. A very moving service attended by 800 members from all over Norfolk.

We are a very supportive organisation and welcome visitors and prospective new members at our Meetings.

Julie Powell
President