

COCKFIELD WI REPORT for January

At our January meeting we considered the current proposed resolutions, which we vote on each year and pursue one as an organisation supporting action for change and development in society. The WI still has a voice!

This year the options are:

1. Dental Health Matters - Review, Training and Access.
2. Impact of Poor Housing Conditions.
3. Say No! To Gambling Advertising.
4. Improving Outcomes for Women in the Criminal Justice System.

Our January speaker was Erica Dorling, an ambassador for a beauty and cosmetic company called Tropic which guarantees to use only natural ingredients: 'green beauty'. She gave us lots of information about the company's background and we all had the opportunity to try a product on our hands. Both options smelt lovely! The ranges include



products for skincare, body care, sun care and make up. It was an enjoyable evening and the speaker enthusiastic and knowledgeable. Erica explained that 10% of their profits are given to a charity which

educate children and adults in areas of deprivation, where there are no educational facilities.

In 2023 our WI in Cockfield was able to support an organisation called TWAM. 'Tools With A Mission'. They need support and are a charity which collects donated unusable or unused tools, refurbishes them, sorts them into trade kits and sends them to the developing world for livelihood creation! They also support local people in areas where they are working, with training to use the equipment. There are over 500 volunteers in the UK as well. TWAM are particularly



interested in collecting hand tools, sewing machines, material and many other useful tools. Have a look at their website soon! Our collection centre is in Ipswich but if you contact us at Cockfield WI we will give you further details and of how to donate.

In February, Allen Burbridge will talk to us about 'The Hervey family of Ickworth'. In March we have a talk by Jason Kermeen on Faberge eggs. In April we will be entertained with 50s & 60s music by Barrie and Partner. We are also still currently planning visits for this coming year but have a number to select from and will do so based on the most popular soon. These may include a visit to a gin distillery, a flour mill, a vineyard and a local fudge maker! An obvious food and drink theme! A list of all the possible options we have so far considered was circulated again at the January meeting for

members to express an interest in any options offered and to suggest their own. Watch this space!

The coffee morning we hold in the village hall each month is a great place to meet and have a chat! It is open to everyone and everyone is very welcome to share some lovely homemade cakes and biscuits, as well as tea and coffee. The next coffee morning is from 10.30 am until 12 noon on Thursday 22nd February, in the Village Hall Committee Room. Following that there is one on the 28th March. The monthly coffee mornings have now returned, as you can see and will continue throughout the year until there is a short break in December!

The monthly Saturday lunches have also returned! The next one is on Saturday 17th February and then on Saturday 2nd March 2024. The lunch is available for a small contribution of £1, for the food! Teas and coffees are also available. Please come, we would love to see you then!

We would all really like to say welcome to you if you have recently moved into the village and would love to meet you. Visitors are always very welcome to WI meetings and if you would like to come along, haven't felt comfortable going out due to Covid or used to come to WI and would like to think about coming back, please contact **Michelle Callinan on 01284 828551 or 07478 142098.**

Visitors are welcome to attend up to three meetings before deciding about joining or not! There is no obligation! If you need transport we will help too!

Joan Ball