

## **Shimpling & Alpheton WI Report – June 2015 to May 2016**

We meet monthly in the Village Hall and alternate between Shimpling & Alpheton to deal with WI business and hear from a variety of speakers.

This has been a very busy and important WI year.

It was 100 years of the Women's Institute in Great Britain and at the National Federation Annual General Meeting in June 2015, the Queen attended and cut the anniversary cake, supported by Sophie and Katherine.

In return the Queen invited one representative from every WI to go to the Palace Garden Party.

It was also a time for celebration for Suffolk West Federation which started 95 years ago and we celebrated with a garden party at Fornham St Genevieve.

In addition we had a Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church Bury St Edmunds and one of our members carried the Shimpling & Alpheton banner which had been expertly made by another member.

In August our annual 'trip-out' was a guided tour of Newmarket stud properties then to visit a stable and finally after lunch, on to the races.

Two of our members went to Denman College, which is owned by the National Federation of WI's. The course was about the Tudors.

This coming June the National Federation are meeting in Brighton for their AGM and the two resolutions selected for debate are 1) Dementia and 2) Food Waste.

As we are a charity we are having a fund raising event at Alpheton on the 1<sup>st</sup> July, where the owner of the "Giggly Pig" company will be entertaining us and telling us about her life of 'A Bad Girl turned Good' plus tasting the sausages.

We have also started a craft afternoon at Alpheton Village Hall and on the 24<sup>th</sup> June, between 2 & 4pm we are opening it to everyone who wants to come.

We are a friendly group who welcome new members who would like to join us?

Meetings this period for 2016

14<sup>th</sup> June at Shimpling @2.30pm

*Garden Party;*

12<sup>th</sup> July Alpheton Village Hall @7.30pm

*Willow weaving;*

*August Outing*

13<sup>th</sup> Sept at Shimpling Village Hall @7.30pm

*Costume Design & Bridal Accessories;*

11<sup>th</sup> Oct at Alpheton Village Hall @7.30pm

*Poetry for you;*

8<sup>th</sup> Nov at Shimpling Village Hall @7.30pm

*History of Fans;*

13<sup>th</sup> Dec at Alpheton Village Hall @7.30pm

*Social Time;*

**Suffolk West Federation of Women's Institutes**

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