

BARBY WI 2024/25

Barby WI meet on the Second Tuesday in the month in the Village Hall. We currently have a membership of 33. During the past year we have welcomed several visitors and we have had an interesting and varied selection of speakers, some of whom are recommended by other WI's in Northamptonshire and Warwickshire.

In addition to our monthly meetings, members have attended various meetings/activities, including County organised events. We attend the New Speakers Selection evenings at WI House as well as their occasional 'Coffee mornings'. Last May several members went to The Denigate Theatre in Northampton to see 'Sister Act'. We had a table-top sale in the Village Hall car park and also served bacon butties from the Village Hall to coincide with Barby Garage Sales. In July we held our annual boules/BBQ in The Orchard. The same month we enjoyed a guided walk, led by Graham Sloper and Nat Kimberley through the newly planted Barby Meadow Wood, followed by lunch at The Loulows Cafe. In August we joined with the Fowlgates for a mystery coach trip. We had a boat trip on Rutland Water followed by lunch in Oakham. Funding for the coach was provided by Barby Townland charity. We provided teas at the Gardening Club's Produce Show at the beginning of September and later in the month celebrated WI Day by displaying our scrap books and other memorabilia at the Book and Jigsaw Community Cafe. We attended the County Federation AGM in October and also the hikerly lunch. We entered a Team in the Village Church Trust in November and are entering a Team for the County bi-annual Quiz in April. We served teas and cake at the Church Christmas Tree Festival and in January held a Jigsaw Puzzle evening. We continue to go out for lunch

on the last Monday of the month, Supporting local cafe's and restaurants.

Forthcoming events are the Second Talk by Ruth howe on 'Mary Quant - her later life, career and designs' A bingo night in the Village Hall in September, in addition to a game of curling with Willoughby and Dunchurch L.O's.

We have also started to plan our Christmas party in December.