

AYLESBEARE WI

Our WI is not just for getting together once a month in the Village Hall for talks and activities, but also for meeting in each other's homes for coffee or at nearby establishments for lunch and afternoon tea at various times during the month as well.

Learning about the keeping of ducks, Alpine flowers, a midwife's life in Pakistan and Joseph Paxton were just some of the topics enjoyed during the year. In July we will be celebrating our 70th Birthday with a Celebration River Cruise, followed by a light supper at a local hostelry.

We also take part in Group activities, such as skittles, darts, whist and quizzes, with other WI's in the area. There are lots of other things organised by the Devon Federation, 'pamper' days, international days, craft days and there is also Denman college in Oxfordshire where you can go on courses to learn lots of different things over a long weekend. Amongst other things last year, members went to a Forensic Science talk in Sidmouth, a croquet day in Budleigh Salterton as well as attending the Spring and Autumn DFWI council meetings, and the annual carol service in Exeter Cathedral.

We also help out at the Aylesbeare Fete with the Tea and Cake Stall, and go carol singing at Christmas with others from Aylesbeare to raise money for charity.

So why not come along to any of our meetings to see what we are about, there is no pressure to join and you will be made very welcome. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month, except for August when there is no meeting and December when we meet on the second Wednesday of the month.