

## **Earl Stonham WI Report 2018**

**Earl Stonham WI now has 28 members with Diane Hurt as our President. Members come not just from Earl Stonham and Little Stonham but also from Stowupland, Needham Market and Brockford.**

**During the year we have had speakers on various subjects including The Remarkable Women of Ipswich, Art of Fine Woodcarving, Life with Horses, History of the River Gipping, The Statue of Liberty and the Ottomans and their Empire. We also had fun making Flower Brooches out of Ribbons and our summer outing was a guided tour of Norwich.**

**Members have enjoyed taking part in Needlework Classes and we continue to meet monthly for our Mahjong sessions which are open to non -members. We also held a Treasure Hunt last September in a member's garden which was great fun.**

**Friends and husbands joined us when we visited Haughley House under the "Invitation to View" scheme and this year we are doing a similar tour of Otley Hall.**

**In December we went to Stoke White Horse for our Christmas meal and served refreshments after the Carols on the Green raising £150 for the Coffee Caravan.**

**We have joined in with the village to provide Library Lunches and serving homemade cakes and teas at the Hullabaloo.**

**Our major fundraising still comes from our catering - we have provided four funeral teas since the last Annual Parish meeting, including one for a former member. We also catered for a 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party.**

**Members meet up with other Institutes at the two Group Meetings during the year - this year speakers have talked on "May Savage Moves House" and "The Kitchen Chemist".**

**Future meetings include talks on The Story of Silk, Nursing Round the World, Jln Shin Jyutsu (Japanese Ancient Healing Art) and Joan of Arc.**

**We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Clubroom of the Village Hall. For more details please contact Diane on 711879 or Lindsey on 711602.**