

## ••••WHAT THE DICKENS••••



Last month we were entertained by Three's Company who, with a number of quick costume changes, portrayed a host of characters from Dickens novels and we loved them all! What a talent. Apologies for the boiler failure but the cold temperature in the hall did add to the Dickensian atmosphere! The heating has now been fixed.

Thank you to all who donated Easter eggs for the refuge - they were gratefully received.

### President's Pitch

Hello Lovely Belles

I hope you all had a lovely Easter. We have an interesting evening this month helping to choose what the WI will lobby on nationally for the next year. We are seen as the largest female only lobbying force in the UK and Europe, so it's a great opportunity to have your say. We'll also be holding our AGM and selecting our committee for the upcoming year—still time to let me know if you're interested! Plus yummy treats with our Puddings Club and some lucky lady will walk away with over £300 of vouchers for Denman College. Not a night to be missed!

Big Belles Love, Jane xxx

### Tonight

Resolutions vote  
and AGM

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Presentation of  
The Sadie Jones  
Challenge Cup.

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Puddings Club

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Bursary Prize Draw

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Book trips and next  
lunch.

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18th May, 2016

Protecting wildlife  
for the future with  
Essex Wildlife  
Trust.



15th June, 2016  
Summer styling  
with Elaine Smith

## **TBBWI Group Activities**

*For more information on any group please see the 'Belles and Beyond' page on our website*

*www.thebrentwoodbelleswi.co.uk speak to a committee member.*

### **The Sadie Jones Challenge Cup**

Throughout the year, members are invited to enter competitions for which points are and points are awarded. Competitions have varied in nature so that hopefully there is something that will appeal to everyone. So far these have included biscuits, pet photos, best decorated hats, repurposing an object and limericks to name a few. The results are published in the newsletter and this year's points have been tallied. The overall winner will be presented with the Challenge Cup at the AGM.

Last month's winners for the most obscure item were:

- 1st place - 3 points - Jackie Smith
- 2nd place- 2 points - Mary Toft
- 3rd place - 1 point - Marion Tracey

Can you guess what it is?



Please check out our website [www.thebrentwoodbelleswi.co.uk](http://www.thebrentwoodbelleswi.co.uk) and also our noticeboard for details of all our groups. There is plenty on offer and we now have our newly formed Belles Choir to add to the list. Our talents are endless ladies!

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You will also find information about our trips on the website with payment details.

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Tonight you can book your place on the Royal Opera House Trip on 15th July . You can also reserve your place at the next lunch with a £10 deposit. This will be held at Ye Olde Green Dragon, Shenfield on Tuesday 24th May at 12.30pm

**Great news for the sweet toothed as Puddings Club Returns!**

Earn Challenge Cup points by bringing along a 'royal themed' pudding to share.



**Please see the financial statement for this year sent as an attachment.**

**It will be referenced at the AGM.**