

Wednesday 18th January 2017

We love a prop or two!



Christmas was celebrated in true Brentwood Belles style with music, food, drink and the ever popular photo frames. Take a look at our lovely barmaids having fun with the props. Music for the evening was provided by the Emily Lynn trio and all the scrumptious food was supplied by members themselves and what a buffet we had!

There has been a change of plan this month and we will now hear all about Bedford's Walled Garden and it's place in the community from Kirsty. Some of the walking group visited the walled garden after the Summer picnic in July and are keen to learn more about the project.

President's Pitch

HelloBelles and a very Happy New Year to you all! We have a great evening for you with Kirsty from Bedford's Park Walled Garden and a vote on our 2017 resolutions plus a Nearly New Toy Swap. We'll also be chatting to you about unique ways that the Belles are hoping to celebrate the Essex Federation Centenary so sit back and enjoy the evening.

With big Belleslove, Jane. xxx

Tonight

We welcome-
Kirsty McArdle,
project manager
at
Bedford's Walled
Garden

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Vote on which
resolutions to
support

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Challenge Cup

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Toy Swap

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Next Meeting
15th February

Show the love
2017 (Climate
change)

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15th March

Natural dyeing -
use of natural
products to dye
yarn and fabric.

April
AGM

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.

Has The Brentwood Belles made a difference to your life? Would you like to share your story in WI Life Magazine? If yes, see the information from National Federation below:

The Friendship Issue

We're planning a series of features about different aspects of friendship – please consider the ideas below and see if one of them resonates with you. If so, get in touch.

- Tell us how your WI friendships have impacted your life for the better, with solid examples (i.e. a friend encouraged you to stop procrastinating and take a course; or perhaps was there for you when you were grieving or recovering from illness).
- Do you have a WI friend you'd like to champion for being a true friend in your time of need? And if so, what did she do that was so special?
- What are the five qualities a great WI friend possesses?

It happened to me

We want to hear about a defining moment in your career. Maybe you're retired now, but in your time at work you had some nail biting moments where you were able to make a difference – or make people laugh or feel special? We know many members have had colourful careers. Tell us about your pivotal moment – perhaps something that would surprise others...

You joined the WI?!

If you're under 35 and your friends raised an eyebrow at your joining the WI, you're not alone. But, what do they know? We'd like to interview members who are juggling their work/family/social life and find time to thrive in the WI. Maybe you set up a WI at 20, or perhaps it brings something to your life you just don't get anywhere else. If this sounds like you please get in touch, send us a photo and a brief description of your WI involvement.

Challenge Cup Competition



Please submit a photograph taken by you this month of a garden in winter. It will be judged on it how well it portrays the bleak beauty of winter.

Toy Swap

Maybe you are sorting out after Christmas and have some surplus toys that others might like. So our swap this month is toys. Please only bring toys in excellent condition that are as good as new. We ask please - No electricals, complete puzzles only and **brand new** cuddly toys. Please note that any toys that are not claimed will have to be taken home again.

Trips

Already there are a number of trips planned for 2017. These include The William Morris Gallery, Walthamstow, The Fan Museum in Greenwich and a trip to The old Bailey. There are spaces still available - details on website. **PLEASE NOTE - NAMES CAN BE TAKEN FOR TRIPS BUT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO TAKE PAYMENT AT THE JANUARY MEETING** due to subscriptions being paid this month. If you would like to put your name down for a trip, please see Carol or Marion before the start of the meeting or at the end.

Please let Marion and Carol know if you have any ideas of places to visit locally.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.