



Drinkstone WI Report for Annual Parish Meeting 6th June 2022

Drinkstone survived the pandemic by holding meetings via zoom and, when permitted, meeting in our gardens.

We returned to the Village Hall in September 2021 with a celebratory glass of prosecco and a talk, with cake, by Casper Smith our local outdoor caterer.

Membership is steadily growing though sadly most of our members are from out of the village. Our programme continues to be varied: educational, practical as well as entertaining.

The book club met through the lockdowns thanks again to zoom. We have now returned to meeting in each other's houses once a month to discuss the chosen book. We have some vacancies if anyone is interested in joining us.

Our Stitch and Craft group meet again, twice a month in the village hall. We decided that we wanted to learn new skills or revive old ones while continuing to support charities with needed projects. We have crocheted blankets for refugees, knitted items for the West Suffolk hospital and are supporting the "Warm Baby Project", which was started in Bury St Edmunds, by knitting and crocheting items such as blankets and baby clothes when appeals go out.

As well as our regular meetings we have held coffee mornings each month using the small cafes near to the village where access and parking are easy. We have recently revived our cinema outings, meeting for lunch and enjoying a film in the refurbished Regal Cinema.

Drinkstone will be host to the Thedwastre Annual Group meeting postponed for the last two years, which involve six local WIs .

All in all, Drinkstone WI consists of a friendly, cheerful group of ladies who know how to enjoy themselves. Why not come and try us?

We look forward to next year and all that it brings us.

Helen Cooper

President

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