

## SHOTTISHAM WI REPORT 2022

Shottisham WI currently have 21 members.

We are pleased to have resumed our monthly meetings at the Trust Hall ,after the restrictions of Covid. Our very entertaining speakers have included Mike and Edd Daniel accompanied by their stunning black Fresian horse, Luther. Our President fascinated us with a talk entitled " A Life With Music." Jean Maxwell and her dog Tess informed us of the work achieved by Hearing Dogs. An evening event, also enjoyed by members of the village, was a talk by Charlie Haylock about dialects and his experiences helping the cast of The Dig, a film about Sutton Hoo. A great diversity of speakers have been enjoyed. We intend to hold further evenings, in June and August, open for the entertainment of everyone.

There is also a book club and craft club for WI members.

We have enjoyed numerous walks together. Minsmere and Dunwich, Sutton Hoo, Orford and locally at Hollesley Marsh to name a few. Trips have been to Helmingham Hall Gardens, Stonham Barns Bird Of Prey flying display, and a guided walk around Ipswich to learn about " Exceptional Listed Buildings." More walks and visits are planned. Some of us have even learned how to play Croquet and indoor Kurling.

Our two plant and cake sales have been well supported local village events. They enabled us to raise about £1,800.00 towards our hall insurance and upkeep. Also, a nice occasion for us all to come together for a cup of tea and cake, and a bit of a natter.

90 years ago, when we were given the Trust Hall, we were also donated 13 folding card tables. They have been in constant use. James Ried very kindly offered to renovate them for us. We bought the baize for the tops; they now look wonderful and have been given a new lease of life. We hope to plan a Whist Drive.

The protection and upkeep of our Grade 2 listed Hall is very important to us. We are currently preparing plans to be submitted to the Conservation Department at East Suffolk Council, for upgrading the toilet facilities.

We are always pleased to welcome new members to join us.

Diane Fleming Shottisham WI secretary.