

## **President's Report**

Alton Belles is an active Women's Institute with around 25 members. Members come from village around Alton Water including Holbrook. We are a registered charity affiliated to the Nation Federation and our local East Suffolk Federation of Wis. The WI is now over 100 years old and has always been a campaigning organisation on behalf of women's rights, from Suffragettes to Diagnosis of ADHD in females.

We managed to continue meetings via Zoom during the Covid shut down but we now meet in person every third Thursday at 7.30pm in Tattingstone Village Hall.

Alton Belles has had another successful year. We have enjoyed an excellent and varied programme, covering all manner of subjects from Dad's Army to Defibrillator training, from 40's and 50's Fashion to Teaching Ralph Fines how to talk Suffolk. Congratulations to the programme committee. Forthcoming meetings include evenings about Land Girls, the Suffolk Punch and life in Scouting and Guiding. The Photographic Club continues to meet and take some fabulous photographs, some of which have been used in the SEFWI calendar for next year.

This has been my first year as the President and it has been a steep learning curve. I would not have been able to do it without the fantastic committee. On behalf of myself and everyone, I would like to thank our committee for their hard work and support. Also they were such a support after my stroke at the end of November when then stepped in to chair meetings while I was out of action.

We thank Holbrook Parsi Council for allowing us to plant a tree on the playing fields.

We always welcome new members or visitors. If you would like to learn more about our friendly group, please give me a ring on 07798 752147 or [mjanecs@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mjanecs@yahoo.co.uk).

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