

11th September 2021 at Ashtead Baptist Hall

Chaired by: Sarah Minister

Number of participants: 29 members, 2 guests and 7 members of the Jewels Belly Dancing Group

Sarah welcomed members to our second meeting in person and The Jewels Belly Dancing group from Teddington. The group danced four dances showing the different styles from Egypt wearing traditional costumes and props. When they had finished we were invited to join in and some members took the opportunity to learn basic dancing moves either standing up or while sitting in a chair. It was a fun and a very entertaining and interactive evening.

This was followed by refreshment break and a bottle tombola which raised £62 and we have 3 prizes left to use at the next fund raising event.

Notices as in email below

The meeting closed at 21.45 after refreshments were served and members had an opportunity to socialize.

From invitation email to October Meeting

Future meetings with Wing

November 8th Tall ships and sea shanties and AGM.

December 13th Christmas festivities with handbells

January 10th Wildlife Gardens. We also plan to have a second hand book sale at this meeting.

Women and Girls in Afghanistan

The NFWI has been in contact with other charities and NGOs working in Afghanistan to support women and girls affected about ways that we can add value to their efforts. They have also fed the views of members into ACWW (Associated Countrywomen of the World) so that they can raise these on our behalf where relevant.

Members who wish to support calls for the UK government to take action can do the following:

- Sign this petition which calls for a range of actions to protect the freedom of Afghan women and girls <https://chnq.it/fzwCFYZ5vw>
- **Write to their MP** asking them to push the government for action to support women and girls.

They are aware that many members will also want to take practical action to support refugees who have been resettled in the UK. They have therefore collated a list of organisations working in this field that are asking for support

from the public. This list can be found at the following link:

<https://www.thewi.org.uk/campaigns/news-and-events/take-action-on-afghanistan>

Members' section of our website

On the Ashtead Wing website, <https://www.ashteadwing.co.uk/> you can now access members-only information. Lesley regularly updates this with information which may be of interest. The Password is **cake**.

Denman Courses online

For £5 each, you are able to access a wide range of courses run by the Denman experts covering many subjects, such as history, politics, cooking, crafting, exercise and music - the range is amazing! They come highly recommended and are available to book via <https://www.denman.org.uk/whats-on/>

You can sign up to receive the Surrey Federation newsletter at <https://surreyfedwi.org.uk/resources/surrey-wi-news/>

Please keep in touch - send us an email to ashteadwing@gmail.com, if you have any comments or ideas and we very much hope to see you in person at the next meeting.