Glemsford W.I. continues to be a presence in village life.  Our evening and afternoon meetings have been well attended and we have  enjoyed a varied programme ranging from Turkish rituals around birth, marriage and death, The life of the £10 Pomm, a jolly evening entertained by the Shanty Folk, and our own Julia telling us of her road to Ordination, and an evening of re-cycling and up cycling where we were invited to wear something “pre-Loved” and nearly all of us joined the fashion parade.

Our afternoon meetings – The Strawberry Tea is one not to be missed and The Women’s Project in Uganda so moved us that we had to have a return visit to raise funds for her project.

We continue to support our Federation events. Last years Annual Meeting we were entertained by Paul Martin of Flog it Fame and this year is again a sell  out as Julian Norton the Yorkshire Vet will be speaking.  We enjoyed a tour of the Guildhall in Bury followed by a cream tea, a day out to Christchurch Mansion in Ipswich and recently, a hilarious game of 10 pin bowling.  We have also started a film group, a social afternoon enjoying a film of choice. Five of our members attended the W.I. National Conference which was held in Liverpool. It was fun enjoying the music of our teens  along the banks of the Mersey.

We helped plant the trees on the Allotment site and have recently tended them and report that we have lost very few and Spring growth is showing. On Fair Green we planted a Rowan Tree, colourful flowers and fruits,  in memory of our Late Queen. The rose bushes by the Brooke Street Sign are in good shape apart from a bit of extra trimming by the muntjac!

The Tye Green roses are not as vigorous and I report one has died. We will investigate replacing them with a “Coronation Rose” if there is one but will continue to care for them as they add a splash of colour to the village.

The War Memorial was again cleaned and decorated with the knitted poppies.

On a freezing cold evening in December, our thanks to Adrian and Debbie’s husband,  the lights on the tree on Fair Green shone very brightly against a clear, deep dark sky. The Band  from Sudbury Salvation Army played ( the valves in their brass instrument kept freezing up) . We served hot refreshments and held a collection for the work of the Salvation Army.  The snow was very crisp under foot and it made one realise that we were returning to warm comfortable homes where many of those whom the “Sally A” help would not or could not. A very memorable evening.

We have assisted with the village litter picks.

Our next years programme is again full and varied. We welcome new  members and visitors to our active friendly  W.I. and don’t forget, we enjoy  2 meetings per month – great value for money.