

## **Stedham with Iping Parish Meeting - 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2021**

### **Women's Institute**

Who would have thought that our last meeting at Stedham Memorial Hall in February 2020 would have been the last until September 2021!

Our committee met every month either via Zoom or sometimes, weather permitting, outside in the garden. We phoned and emailed members regularly to keep in touch. A digital copy of The West Sussex News was emailed monthly to each member. Our committee met in the garden in December 2020 to write Christmas cards, put together Christmas gift bags and then hand delivered them. We also visited each member at Easter with a card and a posy of Spring flowers in a hand decorated vase. Thank you to Hannah Raishbrook for her hard work on this project.

Instead of giving a birthday posy of flowers to each member on their birthday, which we do each month at our meeting, each member received a posted birthday card.

Our centenary year was 2019 so we were able to complete our centenary project. Each member designed a Tea Cup which was put together and framed and now hangs on the wall of Stedham Memorial Hall. A huge thank you to Jane Peel for her work on this project. Jane and her daughter, Hennie, also set up our fabulous new Stedham WI website.

We managed one social distanced, bring-your-own picnic on Stedham Green in the summer of 2020 and then didn't meet up again until a bring-your-own supper in a member's garden in the summer of 2021.

We have now met in September, October and November this year and look forward to our Christmas party in December.

We have lost a few members over this time but have also gained some too so we now have 38 members.

Emma Blumlein (November 2021)