

Report for year beginning January 2024, Seamer and Irton W.I.

Our new year began with the annual meeting in January and we voted in our new president, Denise Astling. At the end of the month we made a visit to Park Manor hotel for our annual January meal, which was well attended by our members and enjoyed by them all.

We had monthly meetings all through the year with speakers at most of them, including 2 ladies telling us about the productions at the Stephen Joseph theatre and how the theatre is run. We also had talk from Paul Cross, about the history of Seamer fair, and also a fascinating talk from Heather French about her work organising the Books on the Beach festival held annually in Scarborough. A talk from Jonathan Wanless, gave us an incite into running Seamer and Irton Primary school. We also had a Beetle drive meeting and also a quiz, all of which were very popular.

In July we held our annual coffee morning on the day that is traditionally Seamer Fair day, which is open to everyone not just WI members.

In November we held a lovely evening of music, from the very talented local ladies choir, Raven, who sang a selection of songs including quite a few Christmas numbers. This was also open to the public, and was a very successful evening.

We also meet up on the 2nd wednesday of the month for our combined handicraft group and also book club. Both are well attended and are open to non members too. On the last Wednesday of the month we meet up for coffee and chat at Park Manor hotel, a lovely venue and with easy parking. We are a thriving group of ladies, who have many talents and skills between them. At present we have 35 members and most of them attend all the meetings.