



## **Wolston WI News – February 2018**

### **ACWW**

Gillian Crisp who is a Federation Trustee and a member of ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World), came to our February meeting to tell us more about the work of ACWW. There is a close association between the W.I. and ACWW and our Federation contribute to them. Their aim is to improve the lives of women and children by giving them the means to earn some money. This could be by providing a cow, a pair of rabbits which the women look after and sell the milk, meat and can then give the offspring to other women. By doing this the women may then be able to afford to let the children stop working in the fields and attend school. ACWW have also helped to provide drilling wells and clean water to improve the health of poor communities. They do not receive any government funding and one way they raise money is to collect broken jewellery, watches, mobile phones, cameras, gadgets, foreign currency and used stamps which they sell. How many of us have bits of jewellery that is broken, or we do not use, so if you would like to help this worthwhile cause then give it to a W.I. member who will make sure it is forwarded to the ACWW.

Village Voices has just started back after a short break so if you like singing why not come along to the Baptist Church, at 6.50 p.m., every Tuesday evening. You do not have to audition and now is a good time to start as we are looking at new music with the possibility of performing a concert later this year as part of our W.I.'s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations.

It is planned to hold our annual Photographic Exhibition later this year on Saturday, 13 October, 2018. There is an open category for children, and for adults the categories are 1. The Colour Pink 2. Food 3. People 4. Black and White – Open. There will be posters around the village with full details so get your camera, phone or I pad and start snapping.

At our meeting on Thursday, 8 March, 2018, our speaker will be Jane Barnes who will be talking about the life of a Farmer's Wife. Visitors are always welcome so please come along.

*Jean Morgan*