**LYMPSTONE WI**

**Meeting January 9th 2019**

Heather welcomed several potential members and visitors.

Sue Knox from the Stringer Lawrence Memorial Trust gave a fascinating and beautifully illustrated account of the history behind the building of Haldon Belvedere or Lawrence’s Castle, recounting Lawrence’s history with the British Army and the East India Company. The Tower was built in memory of Lawrence (1698-1775) by his good friend and colleague Robert Palk (1717-1798), also of the E I Company and Resident of Haldon House

6 WI Resolution Proposals were discussed. Following a vote, No 5 was proposed as our selectionto go forward at the WI Annual Meeting, *“a call against the decline in local bus services”*

In December, members enjoyed a wonderful ‘old fashioned’ Christmas party with fun games and a DIY tea, also carols in abundance at Exeter Cathedral and closer to home.

Looking forward to the New Year the following are in the diary.

Jan 22nd supper at the Redwing.

Jan 24th refreshments at Neighbourhood Plan meeting.

Feb 27th lunch at the Sailing Club.

March John Lewis evening.

The Garden Club are organising a trip to the RHS Malvern Flower Show.

The next meeting will be Wednesday 6th February when Esme Chamberlin will speak on Animals in Distress.

Lympstone WI welcomes new members. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month in the Methodist Hall at 2.30pm. Further details available on the village website.

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