Ludham Women’s Institute was founded in 1935, this year we will celebrate our 84th Birthday. We have about 40 members, most of them live in Ludham but some come from neighbouring villages where there is no Institute. We are one of a Group of seven local Institutes and this year we joined the others for a Garden Party, a Fish & Chip Quiz and a Fashion Show. Our Norfolk Federation of Women’s Institutes celebrates 100 years this year and several of us took part in, and enjoyed a fine Celebration Service in Norwich Cathedral in April.

We invite a wide variety of speakers to our Meetings, to which visitors are most welcome.

We enjoy many different outings and theatre trips. We try to cover all interests. Garden visits, London Theatre, Norwich Theatre Royal, Cromer Pier and Thursford.

We join in with village events where we can, regularly taking part in the village quiz. In July we provided teas for Dyeing in the Church Yard. Any money raised at outside events is donated to local charities and this year towards equipment for Ludham Playground, or to our affiliated Charity, Associated Country Women of the World, through which we support small projects such as providing clean water or education benefitting women where needed in any part of the world.

Joan Chaplin continues to plant up the floral tub on Baker’s Arms Green. She has made it look most attractive with a variety of planting through the year.

We would always like to have new members with new ideas. Our WI is part of a large National Organisation and we have our own College so there are opportunities for everyone. Meeting in the afternoon is a drawback for some, but we would support the formation of an evening or a morning WI in Ludham should a group of women wish to go ahead and form one. There is room in Ludham for two Women’s Institutes.

Anne Grapes Secretary Ludham WI 4th May 2019