



Carlby & District WI

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Carlby Parish Council

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Dear Sirs

Thank you for your kind invitation to give our report on the activities of Carlby & District WI over the past year.

We began in April last year with a very successful coffee morning at the village hall in aid of Breast Cancer Now.

We held our members' meeting every 2nd Tuesday of the month, save for August 2025, in the hall and members were very happy with the facilities and state of decoration.

Our members also attended many WI meetings at other local WI's and events run by our Federation.

Sadly, Tuesday 10th March 2026, saw us holding our final meeting as Carlby & District WI. On the 31st of March this year we cease to be an independent branch and merge with Witham-on-the-Hill WI. We have tried for several years to get new members onto the Committee but to no avail and it has become impossible for the long-term existing committee to continue. A very sad state in which to find ourselves.

We do not intend to disappear completely and are holding a Farewell Lunch on Tuesday 14th April in the hall for all our members.

Some of the Committee have already booked the hall for a Community Coffee Morning on 19th May from 10.12 to raise funds for MND

We want to give back to the community when we can. Anyone is more than welcome at such events. Friends, villagers, visitors, together with people of any gender who are happy to donate to whatever cause is indicated.

We do thank you for all the help, support and generosity of the Parish Council and more particularly the Village Hall over more than 47 years.

Yours truly

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The meeting ended with a social chat with tea and cake