

**The Women's Institute (WI)** is democratic and member-led and the Resolutions process is unique in putting members at the heart of decisions about its campaign activity. WI members have a unique opportunity to turn a concern into a national campaign every year – backed by the whole of the WI. A Resolution is a 'call for change' on a current issue in society. Once a resolution has been adopted at the Annual Meeting, the Public Affairs Department turns it into a campaign. Through national and local campaigning, members play a key role in achieving change on important issues.

Bosham WI members cast their votes at the February meeting, the most popular one being 'Bystanders can be Lifesavers'. This refers to getting as many people as possible to learn how to provide CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) to someone who has suffered a heart attack. The 'bystander response' can have a huge impact – it can SAVE A LIFE! The Resuscitation Council states that "the chance of survival can increase two or threefold when bystander CPR is used".

The speaker was Peter Parker, from Strides who had had an interest in history and antiques from an early age. Later, after acquiring his degree, he wrote to Sotheby's who invited him to work for them. He successfully acquired a Diploma in Fine Art Valuation and also worked for Bonham's. Members had been invited to bring along an item to be examined and valued and there was a great variety of things on display ranging from ceramics, paintings and jewellery to silver and gold. Peter was very informative about the history of each item and provided an approximate valuation to the owner.

The Bosham WI committee continues to arrange interesting outings, the next one being to the beautiful Georgian Mansion - Edes House in Chichester.

The next meeting will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm when Bosham WI will hold its Annual General Meeting. Further information can be obtained from the website [boshamwi.co.uk](http://boshamwi.co.uk)