Sadly  the Stoke by Nayland WI has been suspended as from April 2021. This was a unanimous decision by the members and agreed by Suffolk West advisers following a zoom meeting with Committee members.

Many of our members do not have the internet or do not feel confident in joining meetings via zoom. This made it very difficult to keep in regular touch with all members and to access any of the activities devised by County or the National Federation. However our craft group remained active with members knitting  baby items and making scrubs for the NHS at home  led by Barbara Reader and Gill McIlroy. In March as a farewell gesture members received an afternoon tea to be enjoyed in their own homes and we gave £200 from our funds to the Stoke Defib fund.

Gill, who was our secretary, has since moved away from the village and although Jenny Mumford took on the post temporarily no member was prepared to take it on full time. Similarly Dee Coe, our treasurer has also stepped down, so without these officers on the committee we cannot operate as a WI.

However the ladies are determined to keep the interest groups going, so when we are allowed we will continue with our craft, walking, debating and dining groups and we will be organising trips to places of interest and the theatre to which any villager will be very welcome to join. Contact the Clerk to the Parish Council for details on stokepc@hotmail.co.uk

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