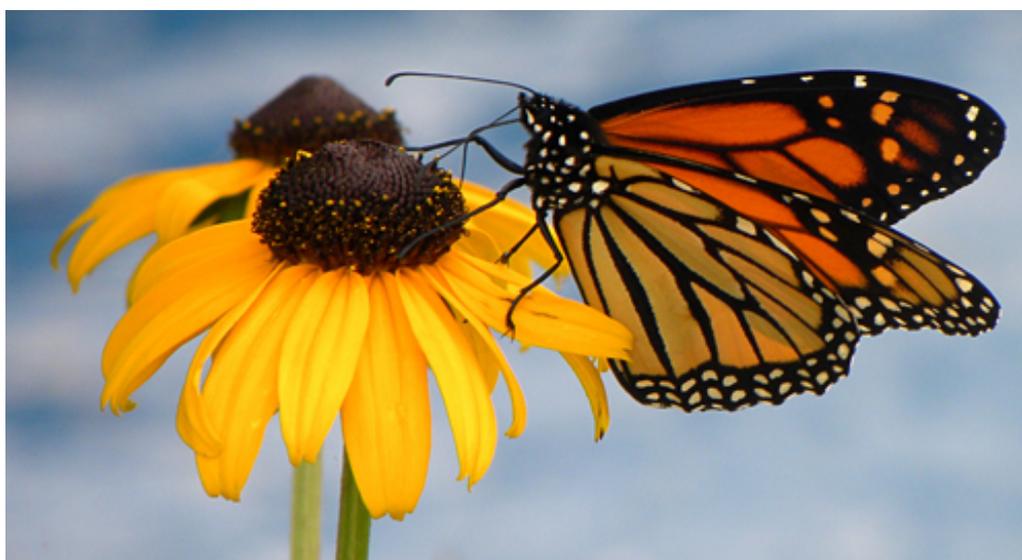


## Thornborough and Thornton W.I. Report. September 2018

Dragonflies can see in all directions at the same time. That's one of many advantages of a compound eye; it wraps around your head. The main disadvantage of being a dragonfly is that you don't get to live for more than a month. Other important information from our talk on the Flowers and Fruits of Autumn includes: crocuses are easy to grow (gardeners will know this) and at Southwell, Nottinghamshire there is a Bramley apple tree which is the first ever Bramley apple to be grown and as such, is the father/mother of all other Bramley apple trees. Dr John Noakes' talk was illustrated by the most spectacular images and photos, many of which were from his own garden, augmented by various other photographs of unusual birds, insects and spikey things called eryngiums. There is much to be learned from a W.I. talk.



Two other important news items are, first – there are to be changes to the very capable officers of our committee and we are to thank profusely the years of hard work from *Jan Davies* (President) and *Suzanne Osborn* (Events Secretary) and more recently *Ren Wyatt* (Secretary). All these people deserve medals and prizes for their endeavours and it will be no mean feat to replace them!

However, replace them we must, and if any of our readers are minded to join us this year, be aware that there are vacancies on the committee, to which you would be most welcome. You could just join the W.I. of course, without obligation. Honest! Next meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Village hall.

The second news item is that there is to be a repeat of last year's very successful **Hedgerow Spirits** evening. All that is required is a bottle of drinkable spirit and the fruits of the hedges will be provided, along with refreshments and expert help. The date is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October in the Village Hall, at 7.30pm and it's a free event! Please do come along and join in.

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