



FISHBOURNE EVENING WI

for fun & friendship
NO jam and NO Jerusalem



Secretary's Report of Fishbourne Evening W.I. For the Year November 2017-October 2018

It has been another very busy year for our group we have welcomed new members and visitors. Attendance at our monthly meetings average 27 which is very encouraging. We also remember a good friend Jill Kewell who was a valued member of the committee and the group who died earlier this year.

Our monthly talks have been very interesting and inspiring. Sue's talk on Tibet, made us feel we had travelled with her. Nic Westacott cooked some lovely dishes for us all to sample. Hazel Child had everyone playing different instruments many of which we had never heard of or seen before. I am sure we all felt uplifted after her Music Therapy and realised how it can relate to anyone with dementia. Our Birthday meeting Ping entertained us with Tai Chi everyone went home feeling relaxed. One of my favourites was Jane Muddle of Madajazz her selection of Hats and Baskets was amazing. All items were made in Madagascar and her talk of her life and travels were fascinating. Ben Cross brought some beautiful Alstromeria to our meeting and his talk on British Grown Flowers was enlightening. This is just a few of our meetings we have enjoyed and more to look forward to in the coming year.

At the start of the W.I. Year some of our members visited an Open Morning at North Lodge for mince pies and coffee then following on to the Cathedral for Carols.

The Chichester Hotel hosted a New Year Lunch in January for 33 members who enjoyed an excellent meal and a good natter with friends.

14 members enjoyed a Tour of The Records Office in Chichester we were shown old maps of Fishbourne and WI Books which were on display. Very informative tour and talk.

Another chance to catch up and natter a Coffee Morning was held in February. Plenty of coffee and Cake to enjoy and also well attended.

2 of our members attended a Spring Group Meeting at East Manhood Group WI, enjoyable meeting and made very welcome. Its good to see sometimes how other groups run their meetings.

Some of our members have attended Quiz Nights at Tangmere and North Mundham. I hear they are quite a competitive bunch and came 3th on one occasion. Well done Ladies. We have monthly Rummikub meeting and 2 of our ladies attended and enjoyable day at Fittleworth taking part in these games and sharing their skills. 12 of our members went to Tuppenny Barn an education centre, creating a better future for our children to learn about sustainable and organic food. They has a talk and tour followed by a cream tea. I am told the blackcurrant jam was heavenly.

Siddlesham WI invited us to an open evening. 3 members were able to attend. Melanie Gibson-Barton gave a talk on Wandering in Flanders Fields. A very interesting and knowledgeable lady. This was followed by a Cheese and Wine Supper.

Trina kindly took 10 ladies on a guided walk around Old Fishbourne. A delightful afternoon hats were order of the day as it was a very hot afternoon. Back to hers for a delicious cream tea.

Still being very lucky with the weather Janet and Philip kindly hosted our Summer Lunch at their house, nearly all our members were able to attend and the spread of food was amazing. Thank you to everyone and to our hosts for their house and garden.

Good Old Fashioned Skittles was held at The Barley Mow in Walderton. With a buffet lunch. No bruised ankles so a good time was had by all.

We have since returned to the Chichester Hotel for an early Christmas Lunch which was very enjoyable. Trina very kindly did a prize and Gill made the flowers for each table, which two lucky ladies on each table took home with them.

Five of our members enjoyed a walk through Slindon Woods starting wearing fleeces but by the end these had been removed as it turned out another beautiful day. Afterwards stopping at the Forge for coffee and Lunch.

Our group offers a variety of interests Weekly Table Tennis Group, Mah Jong, Rummikub and Card Craft.

Monthly Walks which Sue kindly organizes through some lovely country side and shoreline.

Angies Knit and Stitch group have been very busy this year knitting blankets for the prem Babies on the Neo-Natal Unit at St Richards Hospital. Also knitting poppies for the display in C & H Fabric in North Street. A total of 146 poppies was knitted. These poppies will be displayed in their window then sold for The Royal British Legion Benevolent Fund. Well done Ladies.

We like to maintain our profile in the heart of our village. Pam does this with her brilliant articles in various magazines and web links. Personal contact is made annually at the school and church fete. Once again we had a stall of books and nearly new clothes. We feel it is important to help fund raise for our school.

As you have heard our group continues to be extremely active but above all friendly. Also looking back, food does seem to be a recurrent theme.

Thank You

Lin Beacher
Secretary to Fishbourne Evening WI