

Seend WI

President's Report for the year ending 31st March 2022

Fortunately, we have been able to meet in person for most of our meetings. The pandemic has had an enormous impact on how WIs can hold meetings. We have held three meetings via Zoom since April and for the rest we have held normal meetings.

In April Nikki Jones gave us a fascinating talk on Avon Needs Trees via Zoom. Then in May John Jameson Davis entertained us with a talk on Wiltshire's Little Folk, the story of Pelham Puppets. Also, via Zoom. We're hoping to persuade him back to show off his puppets in person. Our final Zoom presentation in June was Nicholas Baxter on A Journey through Time.

In July, to celebrate being able to meet in person at last, we held a Celebration Party in the Pavilion. And in August we met for a Picnic on the Lyefield. We were pleased to welcome Paul Pywell, and a colleague, from The Blood Bikes to our September meeting. They gave us a fascinating talk about their work and brought their bikes with them for us to see. We held our Annual Quiz in October hosted as always by Chris Downham. The committee worked hard to make this an enjoyable evening. In November Lt. Col Tim Jallard gave us a fascinating talk on Looking after Salisbury Plain, the Army and 1917. Anne Ewing demonstrated Sugar Craft at our December meeting; we then all had a go at making sugar robins! Unfortunately, we had to cancel the meeting in January due to resurgence of Covid. As the February speaker was unable to come, Margaret Bromley kindly offered to tell us about her experiences as a judge at Dog Shows. The stars of the evening were her two lovely dogs, Amber an English Mastiff and Froggie a Collie,

All the Allotments are taken and are being very productive.

We are still no nearer to knowing when the Lyefield committee are going to take over the lease at the WI Hall.

We had 22 members at the beginning of last year. But we are always looking for more lovely ladies to join us. We were sorry to lose Carole who has moved to Yorkshire to be near her family.

The Craft Group has started up again and meets on the 3rd Wednesday each month from 2pm to 4pm in the Pavilion.

Wiltshire Federation's various committees work very hard to organise events to suit all needs and it would be good if we could attend some of them. All the events are in your Newsletters every month.

Seend WI is very lucky to have such a hardworking and enthusiastic committee. Pauline for taking the minutes, Anne for looking after the finances, Lynne for organising the programme, Bron for supplying the refreshments, Joyce for the very informative Newsletters, and for keeping us informed of any correspondence, Jo for sorting out the archives and Margaret who keeps us all on track! The committee are in the process of arranging this year's programme.

And finally, our WI could not exist without our lovely members and my thanks go to you all for supporting us this year.

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Events over the last year included:

- Presentation on Blood Bikes
- WI Annual Quiz
- Talk on how the Army manages Salisbury Plain
- A Sugar Craft Workshop

Craft & Social

We have a craft group that meets on the – 3rd Wednesday of each month

Nosh & Natter meet Last Wednesday of the month

Coffee Club - 1st Friday of the month