

Seend Women's Institute

President's Report for the year ending 31st March 2023

We have had a very busy year and it has been good to be able to meet in person for all the meetings.

In April Nicola Jones gave us a demonstration on how to make silk screen printed cards, we were then able to make one of our own. The finished cards looked amazing! Then in May we had a Musical Evening with Brian Tilley entitled Reeds, strings, and drones. In June we visited West Lavington Manor and Gardens. We had a lovely afternoon strolling through the beautiful gardens and enjoying a picnic tea.

In July we met in the Church, Barbara Cropp gave a talk about pottery, clay, and its uses. And in August we met for a Picnic on the Lyefield. We opened the September meeting to the village as it was a talk given by Steve Colwill on The Bustards on Salisbury Plain. It was a fascinating talk and enjoyed by everyone. 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 Petra Schruoff told us about A German Christmas and showed us some of the decorations that she had made. We held an enjoyable Christmas Social in December with wine and nibbles and a Christmas Beetle Drive. In January Hazel Powell gave us an introduction to the basics of reflexology, it was a very relaxing evening. We had A Gala Night at the Opera in February with Dr Francis Burroughs telling us about the History of Juvenile Drama and then showing us a performance of The Pirates of Penzance using his amazing theatre.

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 now have 27 members which is an increase on last year. But we are always looking for more lovely ladies to join us.

The Craft Group 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 programme has been finalised.

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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