

Annual Report (Committee Report) 2019

As usual we had our New Year meal in January at The Horseshoe in the village, at lunch time for the second year, which was enjoyed by all who attended.

As it was our Centenary Year a lot has been going on. We made two textile side panels to go alongside the Centre panel which was finished last year for the Federation Centenary. The side panels represent each of the villages, Offord Cluny and Offord Darcy. Funding was raised by members saving 20p pieces, to have the whole thing framed and it is now on the wall of the village hall.

We had a celebratory dinner in November and invited ex-members and guests, and a magician for entertainment who made us all laugh. It all went extremely well. We also planted a Weeping Silver Birch tree on the Millennium Green with a plaque, to celebrate the centenary. It was a beautiful morning in November and lots of members attended as well as Parish Council members.

Other fundraising for the centenary was organised by Marion who ran an Opp Shop with members bringing different themed items each month and it proved to be a great success with unsold items being sold on ebay. Jenny ran a cake stall at the church fete in June, which also did very well.

Once again we had some really good speakers, the highlight of which was our Open Evening in July when Lucy Lewis told us about her life as a bomb disposal officer. We had lots of visitors who enjoyed a bring and share supper by members and the evening was a great success.

Through the year we've covered various subjects:

February was Jackie Daniels who told us about the History of the WI which was really interesting considering how special this year has been.

March was a jigsaw race organised by ourselves and was great fun

April was Luanne Hill who advised us on a capsule wardrobe

May was Jan Munt who came from Ely Cathedral and brought along a wooden model of the Cathedral which we all had to put together by numbers, including parts that are no longer there so that we could see how it has changed over the years.

In June Helen Green told us about laundering, many years ago.

We had our usual Tea Afternoon in August at The Limes, thanks to Deborah and Shirley and this year garden games were played and thoroughly enjoyed by all who were able to go, great fun.

September saw the return of Frank Boddy who told us some tricks of the trade and cooked Chicken Saltimbocca with a Marsala and Mascarpone sauce. We all got to try it afterwards and it was delicious and we got the recipe.

October was Jenny Griffiths and our own Helen Bosworth who told us about Women in World War One, extremely interesting.

After this meeting tonight, Carol Gibbins and helpers are going to get us making Gift bags for Christmas which I'm sure will be great fun.

We also entered a tree in the Christmas Tree Festival again, with decorations made by members depicting our 100 years. Once again Jenny did a great job in getting it all together and it looked brilliant.

Marion organised some great outings through the year.

April was a free cream tea at Ethnic Origins, a gift shop in the village, which I hear everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

In July quite a few of us went to Ely Cathedral following the talk in May. We also had lunch and a chance to walk round the city.

September saw us at Warden Abbey Vineyard in Bedfordshire, followed by lunch at Jordan's Mill, a great day out and very interesting.

Once again we went Ten Pin Bowling in October, to Pidley with lunch, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The Book Club and Craft Club are still doing well, both meeting once a month.

In September we entertained the Senior Citizens, once again, this year with quizzes and games. Our members also provided homemade soup and puddings, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Finally I need to say a big thank you to our President for again doing a brilliant job, and all the members of the Committee for all their hard work during 2019 and everyone for making our WI so friendly.