

## Committee Report 2018

This is my first committee report so I hope I cover everything I need to.

The year began with our New Year meal at The White Hart in Godmanchester, this year at lunch time for the first time which proved to be a good decision and went very well.

We've had some excellent speakers this year, thanks to Carol Gibbins. Also some of our members have given us very interesting and enjoyable evenings.

Regarding speakers:

February was Frank Boddy who gave us a cookery demonstration and we got to taste four lovely vegetable dishes he made as well as getting some recipes.

March was Debby Horsman a relative of one of Shackleton's forgotten men. Extremely interesting as not many people are aware of what happened on the other side of Antarctica.

May was our Open Meeting and we had over 25 visitors to hear Donald Cheeseman talk about William Morris and the Arts and Crafts Movement. A splendid buffet supper was provided by members and enjoyed by everyone.

In June Alan Butler gave a very amusing talk entitled More Tea Vicar, which was all about teas and the rituals.

July was Michael Kraus about Britain's Wild Flowers and was very interesting with some wonderful photos.

September Jim Stevenson told us about Paxton Pits Nature Reserve, a great place to have on our doorstep.

As I said before some of our own members also gave us some great evenings.

In April Pat Castlo told us about the history and types of lace and had examples for us to see and also a couple of pillows for anyone to try their hand at bobbin lace.

October we heard about the Food Bank and Cambridge Community Foundation from Cynthia and members brought lots of donations for the Food Bank. We also had a bring and share supper, and the Maurice Trophy which was won by Marion for her poem about orange which was this year's colour.

In November Marion and Margaret Pullen helped everyone make folded Christmas trees from magazines and the competition was for the best decorated tree.

Tonight, after this meeting, Jacqueline is going to show us photos and tell us about her visit to China, which I'm sure will be very interesting.

Once again Debbie and Shirley hosted our Tea Afternoon in August at The Limes which, as usual, everyone enjoyed.

The WI again entered a tree in this year's Christmas Tree festival and the theme this year was white poppies and crosses. Jenny did a great job in putting it all together and the some of the netting and red poppies were used behind the tree from the display in the village to commemorate 100 years of WWII.

Thanks to Marion we had four outings this year.

In April some of us went to see Sister Act in Huntingdon, June saw us at Roxton Thatched Chapel and Kettles Yard in Cambridge, and in September we went Ten Pin Bowling at Pidley and had a great time and good lunch. Thanks go to Marion for all the organisation involved for giving us some interesting and fun outings.

In September we entertained the Senior Citizens with poems, sketches and recitals and provided soup and pudding which was thoroughly enjoyed.

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

A few members got together to make a banner for the Offords which was paraded at the Annual Federation Day in St Ives in April to commemorate the Federation's Centenary. We are now going to make two side panels for Offord Cluny and Offord Darcy to recognise our own Centenary in 2019. The whole thing will be framed and will hang on the wall of the village hall to replace the existing one, which was completed in 1970, being moved to the committee room.

We also contributed to the Federation mosaic, completing a 6" square of a Kingfisher to represent The Offords.

I should like to say a big thank you to our President for doing such a good job in her first year, and all the members of the Committee for all their hard work during 2018.