**DERBYSHIRE FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S INSTITUTES**

**DIGEST OF MINUTES OF THE AUTUMN FEDERATION MEETING HELD**

**SATURDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2018 AT TRENT COLLEGE, LONG EATON, NOTTINGHAM**

**Safety Announcements**

**Welcome by Federation Chairman to all speakers**

Lord Lieutenant William Tucker accompanied by his wife Mrs Jill Tucker,

Martin Gurdon, journalist, author and editor

Main speaker, Mandy Hickson

Johnny Walkers of award winning Walkers Bulbs

**Apologies:** Maggie Bristow, Olive Milnes and Sue Smith former Honorary Treasurers, Shirley Aiton & Annie Gidlow former DFWI Chairmen.

**Chairman’s Address:** Chrissie Booth – Gave a warm welcome, and spoke about the pioneering spirit of the WI, and in particular the 100 years almost to the day of the WIs first resolution.

**Pooling of Fares and CIO information:** Anne Bellamy – Spoke about Derbyshire Federation becoming a CIO and that Pooling of Fares will be the same for 2019.

**Guest Morning Speakers:** LordLieutenant William Tucker: gave a summary about his role within the County.

Thanks to speaker by Janette Lobley who presented him with a DFWI calendar and diary.

**Martin Gurdon:** gave us some hilarious memories of his life, revolving around chickens!

Thanks to the speaker from Linda Singleton.

**Easy Fundraising and CRY calendar**

Competition has closed for Easy Fundraising, the winner of the £100 M&S vouchers was Wendy Lees of Burton Belles WI.

**Membership Support Committee – presentation of retiring certificates**

Chairman presented Susan Birch with a certificate, retiring Adviser.

Liz Neal – was presented a badge and certificate for newly trained Adviser

Pauline Hallam - will be presented at the next MSC meeting with badge & certificate for newly train Adviser.

**Morning Session closing remarks**

REMINDERS

**Afternoon Session**

**Welcome back by Federation Chairman to all attendees**

**Limerick competition results -** were announced by Johnny Walkers and these were:

1st place – Etwall WI – receiving £15 Walkers Bulbs vouchers

2nd place – Hetti Nettleship, Killamarsh WI – receiving £10 Walkers Bulbs vouchers

3rd place – Diane Cavanagh, Glossopdale WI – receiving £5 Walkers Bulbs vouchers

Chairman thanked Johnny Walkers for his continued support.

**Floral Arrangement thanks** – Chairman thanked Kay Lees and Marion Stokes from Sawley WI and noted that Ashover WI will do the flowers in the Spring at the Winding Wheel, Chesterfield. Autumn 2019 flower arrangers at Riverside, Derby would be League of Ladies WI.

Fay Rumley spoke on the NFWI Annual Meeting Bournemouth 2019, Wednesday 5th June 2019.

**Home Economics –** Have a new Trophy called the Wendy Woolley Trophy which will be presented at the Trophy Presentation Evening on Friday 9th November by Wendy herself.

**Home Economics Competition –** a jar of Beetroot Chutney was introduced by the Judge, Nancy Hawksworth and the winners were:

1st place – Mavis Malcolm – Ockbrook & Borrowash

2nd place – Julie Waterfall - Pentrich

3rd place – Lynda Hewitt – Pentrich & Swanwick

Thanks to all by Fay Rumley

**Denman Dip –** drawn by Mandy Hickson and announced by Chairman as below:

Isobel Knight – Shardlow WI

Kay Lees – Sawley WI

Winners will both receive £100 each

**Raffle Draw:** The winning raffle numbers were announced by Chairman Chrissie Booth, and the prizes were collected after the meeting.

**Ann Hale Craft Cup –** A Scissor Case in Any Medium to be displayed with the scissorsInside the case **-** Judge, Joy Gammon presented the trophy to the winner, Pat Forrett of Breaston WI

**Thanks to Joy Gammon by Diane McHarg.**

**Introduction of Main Speaker by Federation Chairman**

**Mandy Hickson:** gave a summary of her life and experiences. She took a couple of questions from members.

**Thanks to main speaker by Diane McHarg**

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS, THANKS AND FINAL REMARKS**

Thanks to Chief StewardsJudy Stanhope and Liz Neale and members from Breaston Belles,

Breaston, Long Eaton and Risley WIs who have acted as Stewards today.

Thanks to the Catering Committee for the lovely lunch in hospitality suite

Thanks to The Trent College staff Sam, Janet and the team

Chris the technician.

Thanks to Roy Thompson, Home2Home removals.

Our very own staff Arlene, Mary-Denise, Helen, Alyson, Jo and Robinwho all work

very hard at Derbyshire House.

Thanks to Liz Neal and Ann Chambers from Breaston WI who made the celebration cake.

Our Annual Council Meeting next spring will be in Chesterfield at the Winding Wheel

on Saturday 2nd March 2019 with guest speaker Jules Hudson presenter of Countryfile

and Escape to The Country .

The stewards for the Spring Council meeting would be from Doe Lea & Rowthorne, Dronfield

& Tupton WI.

Diane and Shelia gave a rendition of all things that had happened regarding planning the

centenary year.

Diane McHarg and Sheila Berry, Vice Chairman, thanked Chrissie for chairing the

meeting today.

**CLOSE OF MEETING**