

COLLINGHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday 19th September 2018 @ 7.30pm in Collingham Memorial Hall

Our President welcomed our speaker **Heather Dicks** who was ably assisted by another Heather.

Heather Dicks told us how she became involved in the Salvation Army, it stemmed from her mother having involved her in helping the community as a child.

The toy appeal started about 18 years ago as an extension to the church and has grown considerably since, both Heather's took us through the process involved from gathering information from several agencies including Homestart, Surestart, the Bridge Community Centre and Newark Women's Aid each organisation nominates families to receive parcels. The information is then collated, and the process of assembling age appropriate toys and gifts starts.

Each child gets a main gift and a few stocking fillers together with some chocolates and a board game for the family, the parcels are wrapped and distributed via the appropriate agency in time for Christmas.

After this we briefly discussed the presents we usually wrap to be donated and it was decided that we would not wrap them as they have to be unwrapped (for health and safety reasons) and rewrapped.

Apologies were received from Carole Barker, Lynn Phillips, Tricia English, Margaret Cotton, Lyn Blundy, Betty Porter, Margaret Rowlands and Marion Tongue.

Numbers of members present. There were 23 members plus 3 visitors.

Minutes of the last meeting, having been previously circulated to members, were signed as being a true record.

Matters arising – none

Finance Our finances are on target

National correspondence

- a. Mental Health update action pack
- b. End plastic soup campaign update
- c. Postcards

Lynne spoke briefly about these and invited members to have a look.

National correspondence brought forward.

- a. Lynne pursuing National for a coherent answer to our questions.

Lynne updated us on the vagueness of the last response from National and advised that she was still considering her response.

County correspondence - none

County correspondence brought forward - None

Other correspondence.

- a. Clifton's open meeting

Lynne gave an overview of the invitation which provoked comments about having our own in the village.

Collingham business

- a. Note October's meeting date

Lynne reminded us that we are Kurling for our birthday meeting in the main hall, but it is on Wednesday 17th October she also advised that we had invited members from the other WI's in the Fleet Group to join us.

- b. Newark Operatic's Oklahoma – would any others like to attend.

Gill Bass and Lyn Phillips added their names to those already listed:- Gill Riley, Mary Hill, Barbara Wilson, Judith Christou, Pam Parsons, Pat Stewart, Barbara Barrie, Chris Stothard, Lyn Blundy, Betty Porter, and Margaret Cotton. The consensus was that they would like a meal beforehand but questioned where as the place they went this year would be too small.

Collingham Business brought forward

- a. Questionnaire regarding cups

Lynne had brought the Woodhill Cup along to the meeting and gave an overview of the feedback from last months questionnaire, the responses to the question asked about WI badges to be made had received 15 Yes - 4 No votes.

A suggested that the cup be passed to John Blow School will be investigated.

- b. Programme Questionnaire

Anne gave a synopsis of the results which fell largely in the 'as now' category so

Lynne will feed this into next year's programme planning.

- c. Cake board

Lynne gave an overview on the Armistice Commemorative Events over the weekend of 10th and 11th November advising that the cake requirement would be for Trench

cake, Anzac biscuits, Victoria sponge as well as for jams and chutneys, those that preferred not to bake were asked to make a donation of £2 at the next meeting towards the cost of ingredients, a board went around for this.

d. Helping board

A board went around for this

e. Looking good.

Lynne checked who had expressed an interest in this and noted any withdrawals saying she would email interested parties with details and cost.

A.O.B.

Lynne advised that there was space on Coddington's trip to Loughborough and she gave the Secretary's contact details to the person that expressed an interest in this trip.

Winners of the ACWW competition 1st Helen Flarry

Winners of the raffle prizes

The prize this month was a voucher for £25 from Hayley Jayne it was won by Barbara Wilson after a redraw as Gill Bass had won the last voucher,

Signed Date