

CROSTHWAITE & LYTH WI MEETING

16 May 2018

1. **Welcome and apologies:** The President welcomed all to the meeting, particularly Angela Jones and Mary Rockliffe (both of whom were attending following absence through ill health), and new member, Jackie Youngson.
2. **Minutes of last meeting:** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 April 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the President.
3. **Matters Arising:**
Minute 3 – Correspondence and newsletter from Secretary: The President confirmed she had placed an advert in the Parish magazine appealing for button donations.

4. (May) Correspondence and newsletter from Secretary:

- 4.1 **“The Trouble with Women” Flyer** for street theatre and performances planned in Kendal during July 2018, to mark the work of suffrage and emancipation.
- 4.2 **“End Polio Now” Flyer** from Penrith Rotary Club, which will stage a screening of ‘Breathe’ as part of fundraising efforts to eradicate polio.
- 4.3 **Audio Typists** are needed to transcribe interviews which will be held as part of the Federation Centenary Oral History Project.
- 4.4 **Nominations for Federation Trustee Board Members** (2018-20) were invited; Members noted that Ruth Rigg will be resigning as Chair.
- 4.5 **Lady Denman Cup Competition 2018** – *The day that changed my life...* information and entry form was made available to members.
- 4.6 **An invitation** had been received from Underbarrow WI, for 2 ladies to attend their 95th birthday celebration (20/6/2018). The President and Anne Douglas to attend.
- 4.7 **Westmorland Show** has been shortlisted for *Cumbria’s Event of the Year* in the Cumbria Tourism awards. This year’s winner will be decided by public (electronic only) vote and members were encouraged to vote via either <https://www.golakes.co.uk/prize-draws/cumbria-tourism-awards-2018.aspx> or the link included on the www.westmorlandshow.co.uk page. Deadline of 23 May 2018.
- 4.8 **Local Charity Event** to be held on 7 June 2018 at the Netherwood Hotel, Grange-over-Sands, consisting of a flower demonstration by Joan Bentley followed by a cream tea. All proceeds to NET Patient Foundation which supports patients with neuro-endocrine cancer.

The following items were highlighted from the May newsletter:

- 4.9 Crafted **poppies** are needed for the County Show display; knitting / crochet patterns were made available to Members. Submissions to be with the Kendal office by 31/7/2018.
- 4.10 Two **Federation Bursaries** to Denman College for 2018-19 are being offered. Information and application forms were made available to members.
- 4.11 **Household Plastics** event to be held, for which the booking form was available.
- 4.12 The date of the visit to **Arley Hall** had changed from 6 July to Thursday 12 July 2018.
- 4.13 **WI Membership roadshows** had been cancelled owing to lack of support from WIs.
- 4.14 There will be a visit to the **Terracotta Army Exhibition** in Liverpool (3/9/2018), for which the booking form was available.
- 4.15 Order forms for **2019 WI diaries** were available at the meeting.
- 4.16 Members were advised of the **“100 years of the WI in Beetham”** event to be held 26-28 May 2018.

5 Treasurer’s report

C&L WI has a healthy bank balance with funds in excess of £5000, which had been boosted by £134.11 as a result of the Assistant Treasurer’s efforts in claiming Gift Aid, for which she was thanked by both the Treasurer and the President.

6 National AGM Resolution

- In her role as C&L WI's AGM delegate, the President had attended the pre-AGM briefing, at which the Resolution "Mental Health Matters" was discussed. The Chief Officer of South Lakes MIND had also been in attendance and had present mental health statistics; some of which the President relayed to C&L WI Members; including the fact that nationally, 1 in 4 people have a mental ill health issue and that in South Lakeland, 10,600 people are affected.
- The President then read out the Resolution: *"Mental Health matters as much as physical health. The NFWI urges all WI members to recognise the importance of parity between mental health and physical health and take action to make it acceptable to talk about mental health issues as much as physical health issues and to lobby government for better support for mental illness."*
- There were two questions from the floor; one pertaining to national funding; the second relating to the point of the resolution.
- Members voted in favour of the Resolution; there were no abstentions or objections.
- The other three Lyth Valley WIs on whose behalf the President will vote at the September AGM, also wished to support the Resolution.

7 Future events

- 7.1 The next **County Show planning meeting** to be held at 7pm on 29/5/2018 at Marilyn Shuttleworth's house and Members were reminded to make extra jars of jam / cordials & etc.
- 7.2 The 2018 **Strawberry Tea** will be held on 15 July at the Recreation ground.
- 7.3 **Blackpool Visit** (21/6/2018): Heron Travel will provide the coach. The collection point will be the Punch Bowl Inn and the coach will park in the Church car park. Members were reminded to pay the Treasurer tonight.
- 7.4 **90th lunch at Rybebeck** (5/7/2018): The President requested all Members to confirm their menu requirements before leaving.
- 7.5 **90th party celebrations** (15/8/2018): Tickets for this event (which is limited to 70 people) were available at the meeting.
- 7.6 **Theatre Trip** (4/10/2018): Ticket cost is £14; Members were encouraged to complete the sign-up sheet available at the meeting.

8. Reports

- 8.1 **Damson Day (21/4/2018)**: not as much produce had been donated this year, but all cakes were sold and a profit of £136 was made. The PreBsident thanked Members for their donations.
- 8.2 **Poorly people**: The President reported on **Jean Denney's** situation at Maude's Meadow residential home in Kendal and advised that Jean would like to have visitors.

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1 An invitation to a Vintage Tea Party at Cartmel Fell (22/5/18) had been extended. Ivy Pearson indicated that she would be going with a group of 7 others.
- 9.2 The President circulated a flyer produced by Malcolm Thorogood, who would be giving a non-religious talk about his book "The Soul Must Go On" at the Lindeth Howe Hotel on 10 August 2018 at 3pm. Tickets £15 to include buffet-style cream tea. Money from book sales to go to Cancer Research UK and Marie Curie. The Hotel to donate £5 from the ticket price.
- 9.3 Anne Douglas was thanked for attending the Annual Parish Meeting on C&L WI's behalf and presenting a report prepared by the President.
- 9.4 Best wishes were extended to Anne Douglas for her 60th birthday (today) and to Verline and Peter for their diamond wedding anniversary (tomorrow).

10. Next meetings:

- No formal meeting in June (90th Anniversary Outing instead); then
- 7.30 pm on Wednesday 18 July 2018, at which the speaker will be Sally Lister on "*The 45-minute dinner party menu*". This will be an Open Meeting.