

CROSTHWAITE & LYTH WI MINUTES – 18 September 2019

1. The President (DP) welcomed members and visitors to the meeting and went through the usual “housekeeping” information regarding the signing in sheet, fire exits and evacuation procedure in the event of a fire.
2. **Minutes of 17th July 2019:** The Minutes of the last meeting held in July 2019, were agreed as a true record and were signed by the President. There were no matters arising.
3. **Secretary’s correspondence and newsletter** – over and above the information listed in the newsletter as having been sent to Secretaries, GB had also been provided with:
 - a flyer for an evening of song, dance and music with the “Young Performers Against Cancer” group on 28 September 2019 at the Harlequin Theatre in the Queen Elizabeth School at Kirkby Lonsdale and
 - information on 2019 Resolutions, which was made available to Members on the noticeboard.
4. **Treasurer’s Report and notices of upcoming events**
 - 4.1 The Treasurer reported a healthy bank balance before making specific mention of:
 - 4.2 Subscriptions are due next month at a cost of £43 full membership and £20.10 for dual members.
 - 4.3 Pre-ordered WI diaries would need to be paid for this evening.
 - 4.4 A sample Centenary Calendar and order form were made available to Members, as were
 - 4.5 a booking form for lunch with Edwina Currie on 31 October 2019, and
 - 4.6 a booking form for the Federation Quiz on 4 November 2019.
5. **President’s address**
 - 5.1 **Member’s health update:** Anne Douglas was unable to be at tonight’s meeting as she was receiving more treatment, but she hoped to be present at the October meeting. A card was circulated for Members to sign; this would be delivered to Anne, together with the flowers.
 - 5.2 The President reminded Members that new officers and committee members will be needed at the Annual Meeting in November and Members were encouraged to start thinking about this.
6. Reports
 - 6.1 **August trip:** No meeting was held in August, instead Members enjoyed high tea at Holker Hall’s Courtyard café followed by a visit to the Bay Search and Rescue base at Flookburgh. A thank-you note and a certificate in recognition of C&L WI’s £40 donation, were on display on the noticeboard.
 - 6.2 **County Show** – Our WI had a very successful show winning the cooperative classes:
 - A1 Market Day, for which we received the Doreen Galbraith trophy
 - A2 a market from around the world (Africa) , for which we received the Kathleen Hunter Rose Bowl, and
 - C7 a display of 5 varieties of home-produced mixed vegetables, for which we won the Burrow Trophy.Altogether C&L WI was awarded 33 gold stars, 18 silver stars and 14 red stars. Congratulations and thanks were extended to everybody who entered or helped in any way for all their hard work. Some of the exhibits were on show in the Hall for Members to view.
7. **Future Events**
 - 8.1 The next **Group Meeting** will be held on Thursday 24 October 2019 at Cartmel Fell. The speaker is Terry Crawford presenting Magic. The new Federation Chairman Karen Hanks will attend and will tell us a little about herself and her background. Entrance is £3 and 2 competitions. Signup sheet to be at next month’s meeting.
 - 8.2 The **Annual Council Meeting** takes place on 22 October 2019 at the Town Hall, Kendal. The Treasurer has applied for tickets, but these were not yet received. **ACTION: KE to chase tickets.**
 - 8.3 13 October 2019 – Harvest Festival lunch – soup and a pudding – to follow the Church service at a cost of £7. All welcome – reservation requests to Geraldine Wilson.
 - 8.4 19 October 2019: The **Village Hall Quiz**
9. **Any Other Business:**
 - 9.1 2020 Centenary: 2 members will be in a sketch (M Choiseul & J Sherratt). Members to support.
 - 9.2 Centenary Embroidery: Audrey Hallowell had completed the project to mark the Centenary year having embroidered on material provided by the Federation a design developed by Anne Douglas. This would be sent to the Federation office to be ‘backed’.
 - 9.3 DP showed Members a piece of quilling undertaken by Pam Bownass; this would be displayed in the Village Hall’s lobby.

9.4 On 7 December 2019 the WI would be taking a table at the Village Christmas Fair.

9.5 On behalf of the Village Hall Committee, Members were reminded of a games evening (bingo, darts, dominoes, ping-pong) to be held in the Hall on Saturday 28 September 2019 between 7 and 9 pm.

10 The President thanked this evening's hostesses before introducing speaker Dr Mike Young on "*Travels with a divining rod in the Sultanate of Oman.*"

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 16 October 2019 at 7.30 pm. This will be an open meeting, so Members were asked to encourage their partners and friends to attend. The speaker would be Dr Simon La Frenais talking about "*Charles Darwin*". Jim Bownass, who had been present this evening to assist with the presentation equipment, was asked to set up the screen for the October presentation.