

The AGM held on 17 March found a committee for the coming year, with Mrs Barbara Compton again elected President. However, as the committee is halved in size, it is hoped that members will help on the practical side at meetings.

The President's speech included a report on the recent Soup and Sweet morning, which had raised £169.60. This had been a joyous occasion which brought the WI into the community and was appreciated by everyone concerned. Also, by giving donations instead of exchanging Christmas cards with fellow members, we had raised £41 for Prospect.

Jane Smith gave comprehensive details of a successful year. She reported that we have received a Certificate from WFVVI marking our Institute's 45th birthday. Our membership is now up to 57 and we hope this upward trend will continue.

Ray Tetlow explained "Gift Aid", accompanied by the appropriate forms. After that there were Sub-Committee Reports concerning scrabble, whist, skittles, choir, rambling, and so on - one report being entirely in verse!

Pat Stevenson won the Bursary for Denman College - congratulations!

On 4 May, at Devizes, there will be a talk on "Women and Climate Change" and at 7.30pm on 26 May the subject at Bromham Community Centre will be "Fantastic Plastic".

Wednesday 23 June is International Day and the programme at Wootton Bassett Memorial Hall will involve South America.

This year the Open Days at Denham College will be held on 28/29 June, with many interesting items.

Do check the boards on the Information Table at our monthly meetings - you will find details of these and other activities, and also in your monthly WFWI Newsletter, giving costs and closing dates.

Our own programme for the coming year will be available shortly. At the next meeting, on Wednesday 19 May, the subject is "Flower Arranging", demonstrated by David Martin. This is an Open Meeting, with a small charge for visitors.

Meanwhile, members might like to give thought to this year's Purton Carnival in June, and how we could best contribute.

New members are always welcome, but this is undoubtedly the best time to join, at the beginning of our year!

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