



Redlynch and District WI

Charity Registration No.292382

March 2017 Meeting Report

The March meeting took place on Wednesday, the 8th in Morgan's Vale and Woodfalls Hall. President, Pat, welcomed members and one guest, together with the speaker for the afternoon, Joyce Meader.

General business was dealt with which included news of the new Centenary Bench. It has been decided to site it in the Grove Road Cemetery, (by May,) near to the bench which marks the 50th anniversary of the WI. This stone bench has now been cleaned.

The Felt Workshop was thoroughly enjoyed by those members taking part some of whom were proudly wearing the results! Reminders were given for arrangements for coming events viz. The WI Fair at Alexandra Palace, the visit to Longford Castle and the summer outing.

Joyce Meader was then introduced- the title of her talk – “Historic Knits”. Joyce began by explaining that her original hobby of knitting had grown ‘out of hand’ and that she has now become an avid collector of all things associated with it which includes patterns, needles and all types of wool. She explained that knitting has been in existence for centuries but she has restricted her interest to the 1800’s forward. Her collection of patterns showed how fashions have changed, often brought about by living conditions and sizes of the population, together with the lack of materials, as during the two world wars. It was so interesting to see and handle the many knitted garments she had made and to compare the different effects of needle size and wool texture. Joyce also told us that because of the very keen collectors and the scarcity of some patterns, they can be worth a considerable amount. No doubt we shall all be searching through our cupboards to see if we may find a pattern from many years ago!

The next meeting will be The Annual Meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 12th at 2.15pm in The Morgan's Vale and Woodfalls Village Hall. Enquiries to Val. 01725 510850.

COMMITTEE

Patricia Cousins (President), Rosemary Pugh, Vice (President), Valerie Reynolds (Secretary),
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