



Redlynch and District WI

Charity Registration No.292382

May 2017 Meeting Report

Our meeting on Wednesday 10th May was opened by Patricia Cousins, who thanked members for re-electing her as President, and she also welcomed two visitors to the meeting.

New programmes for the coming year were available for members, and Patricia thanked Gloria for arranging a very interesting and varied programme.

The bench celebrating our 100th birthday was being installed in the cemetery on Friday 12th May at 2.30pm, and members were encouraged to attend if possible. Photos were going to be taken of the event.

At the 'Good as New' coffee morning to be held on Wednesday 31st May 10 am - 12 noon, members were urged to support this, spread the word and bring along as many friends as possible. There will be many stalls selling a variety of items. Entrance, which includes coffee and cake is £2.50. Items can be brought along for sale - 50% going to charity and 50% to the donor, or can be donated for free.

Our Speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. J. Rogers, Of Hammond Angoras, whose talk was entitled 'Goats to Garments'.

Starting out as a hobby 30 years ago, she bought 2 angora goats, and began breeding a herd, with the intention of spinning and dyeing their fleece, and then knitting up various garments, jumpers, gloves, hats, socks, throws etc. The fleece has to be sheared twice a year, When the fibres are about 6 inches long. The items can be knitted first and then dyed, as the fibres, unlike wool, do not shrink. It quickly became more than a hobby, and she now gives demonstrations, visits craft fairs, and sells 'starter kits' of young goats for others to take it up. She brought along a very varied selection of her work for members to buy. A very interesting afternoon, followed, of course by a welcome cup of tea and biscuit.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday June 14th at 2.15 pm in Morgan's Vale and Woodfalls Hall when the Speaker will be Miss Heather Bowen, whose talk is entitled 'Clay Silver Jewellery'. Enquiries to Val, 01725 510850.

COMMITTEE

Patricia Cousins (President), Rosemary Pugh, Vice (President), Valerie Reynolds (Secretary),
Sandra Pearce (Treasurer), Marilyn Bechter, (Joint Secretary),
Marion Lewins, Gloria Henderson