



Redlynch and District WI

Charity Registration No.292382

May 2018 Meeting Report

At our May meeting on the 9th, our President, Rosemary Pugh, welcomed everyone including 2 visitors, apologies were recorded and birthday posies presented, notices were read out and discussed and minutes of the April meeting agreed.

Our speaker, Alan White was introduced and there followed an hour of rapt interest as he talked of his long service with Poole Pottery - 52 years, starting in 1966, and threw several things on his wheel, a vase, a teapot - especially intriguing were the making of the spout, lid and handle for this, a pot and a bowl, anguished cries from the audience when he reduced them to a ball of clay again ! He had seen many changes in the Pottery, which was started in 1873 by a builder who wished to make his own decorative work for his houses, through tile-making - the original cream tiles in the London Underground were made in Poole, as were those for the Durban War Memorial in South Africa. Multiple ownerships followed and the recession hit sales and the Pottery was finally closed in 2017, but now operates at The Poole Studio in Broadstone. During his long working life Alan could throw 1200 small dishes per hour, was in charge of the Craft Centre team, took part in the TV programme "The Generation Game" and found time to teach the skill of potting to college students. He now makes one-off items for the Poole Studio. He was warmly thanked and applauded.

Our new W.I. Information booklets were handed out for delivery around the village by members this month.

Our next meeting is on June 13th, when Lt. Col. Mark Wilson will be telling us about Faberge, at Morgan's Vale and Woodfalls Hall @ 2.15 pm, don't forget Flower of the. Month and trading table.

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COMMITTEE

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