



## Redlynch and District WI

Charity Registration No.292382

### June 2018 Meeting Report

At our June meeting on the 13th, our President, Rosemary Pugh, welcomed everyone, including 3 visitors, and our County advisor, Christine Walker. Birthday posies for June and July were distributed. Christine Walker then reported on her recent visit to the AGM in Cardiff, where the guest speakers had been Dame Stella Rimington and Huw Edwards, both of whom had thrilled and delighted the audience. Resolutions had been passed by 98%; she gave us an update of Denman and noted that 5 new WI's had been started in Wiltshire this year.

Rosemary introduced Lt. Col. Mark Wilson to speak to us about the famous jeweller Faberge. His interest came about after he had been on a silver-smithing course, while still a serving soldier, which led to him being interested in other silver smith's work. After a visit to St Petersburg he became an admirer of Faberge, who lived from 1846-1920 and designed and made his wonderful jewellery and artefacts from 1873 - 1917. His style was more refined and delicate than previous Russian jewellery and he became popular with the Russian Royal Family, which made his fortune after he was named the "Royal Jeweller" and gained him international renown. We enjoyed many beautiful slides of jewellery and objets. Our Queen has a large collection of items in a collection started by Queen Mary.

Lt. Col. Wilson was warmly thanked and applauded.

Next month will be our Outing to the Isle of Wight.

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