



Redlynch and District WI

Charity Registration No.292382

April 2019 Report

The April Meeting was our Annual General Meeting, our President, Rosemary, welcomed everyone and received 11 apologies for absence, followed by "Jerusalem" accompanied by Jenny Bowman on piano. Rosemary asked for new Committee members and two members volunteered, one, Pat Blount, agreed to be our new Treasurer, assisted by Ann Kelly. Minutes of the 2018 AGM were agreed and signed. Names were confirmed for the outing in July to Portsmouth Gun Wharf Quay. Leaders of the various groups, Side Shoots, Reading Group, Knit and natter, outlined their aims. There will be no January Lunch next year, but one is planned for October 25th this year, at a set cost of £20, to include drinks.

Sandra Pearce, our marvellous Treasurer for the past nine years, gave the financial report for the year and her budget for next year, proposed and seconded and approved. The appointment of Auditors was proposed and approved.

Val gave the Secretary's report, ending with an appeal for more Committee members to come forward.

Secondary outings to Rockbourne Roman villa on 10th May and the Community Farm at Baverstock on 13th June were confirmed. The Bursary for Denman College was won by June Watts. Rosemary thanked all the Committee Members for their help and support, she was re-elected as President by ballot.

Next, the resolutions were voted on, rural bus services, 25 for, nemcon. and "Don't fear the Smear" was similarly approved,

Rosemary then introduced our Speaker, Celia Youngs, from the Citizens Advice Bureau, who outlined the history of the service, which was started in 1939, on the 1st September, supported then by a charity but now funded by government and local councils. Since 2002 it has been available on-line. They need 22,000 trained volunteers to support the 2,000,000 people who need them. Most of their work is with problems of debt, the introduction of universal credit, and helping with filling in forms for state grants, and they can also refer people now to food banks. Debt and relationships are their main queries these days.

After the vote of thanks and many questions from the audience, we enjoyed tea.

Next meeting on May 8th, in MVVVH, at 2.15 pm. Don't forget flower of the month. Our speaker then will be Annaliza Jones, with a demonstration of hand made bags from the Philippines. Visitors and new members will be welcome; queries to Val on 01725 510850.

COMMITTEE

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