



Redlynch and District WI

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July 2019 Report

The Wiltshire Federation of Women's Institutes (WFWI) celebrates its Centenary this year, 2019, and a Service of Thanksgiving was held in Salisbury Cathedral on 10th July.

A number of our members joined hundreds of other WI members at this impressive event. Redlynch and District WI is the oldest WI in Wiltshire and our President, Rosemary Pugh, had been invited to give a reading. Her poem, chosen by the organisers, was "The Dream 1915" by C Day Lewis written when he was Poet Laureate and The National Federation of WIs was celebrating its Golden Jubilee. Arriving at the Cathedral we were delighted to be greeted by one of our former Presidents, Patricia Cousins, in her role as Cathedral Steward. Prayers of thankfulness were offered, appropriate readings were heard, hymns were sung with vigour, memories shared and the WFWI choir performed specially chosen musical items. Following the National Anthem the West doors of the Cathedral were opened and the entire congregation turned to sing "Jerusalem", the WI's anthem. I wonder what the tourists waiting outside thought of it!

A week later was our annual outing. Thirty-six members, husbands and friends boarded a Herrington's coach for a day in Portsmouth. Yet again it was warm and sunny. Once there we were left to choose how to spend the time. Some visited the Mary Rose museum, some chose other museums at the Historic Dockyard, all fascinating venues. Others opted to shop at Gunwharf Quays, some ascended the Spinnaker Tower with its fantastic views and a number took a relaxing harbour tour, by boat, to round off an enjoyable day.

Our next meeting is at 2.15p.m., Wednesday, 14th August in Morgan's Vale and Woodfalls Village Hall. Our speaker will be Sandra Simmons talking about "Life under the Veil" and we are busy organising an autumn lunch and a skittles evening as well as other outings.

New members always very welcome, or just come along as a visitor to see if you would enjoy our meetings.

Queries to Val on 01725 510850.

COMMITTEE

Rosemary Pugh (President), June Dabell, (Vice-President), Valerie Reynolds (Secretary),
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