

CROSTHWAITE & LYTH WI MINUTES – 16 October 2019

1. The President (DP) welcomed members and visitors to the meeting and went through the usual “housekeeping” information regarding the signing in sheet, fire exits and evacuation procedure in the event of a fire.
2. **Minutes of Meeting held on 18 September 2019:** The Minutes of the last meeting, held in September 2019, were agreed as a true record and were signed by the President. There were no matters arising.
3. **Secretary’s correspondence and newsletter** – over and above the information listed in the newsletter as having been sent to Secretaries, GB had also been provided with notice of the next Group Meeting, which is to be hosted by Brigsteer WI on 26 March 2020, at which time Vivienne Tregidga will speak on “*Life in Arctic Norway – frozen nostril hair and mosquito bites*”.
4. **Treasurer’s Report**
 - 4.1 The Treasurer handed out Membership Renewal Forms; receipts would be provided with the 2020 Membership card.
 - 4.2 2020 Centenary Calendars would not be available after this evening.
 - 4.3 Westmorland 100 Not Out to be held on 21 November 2019 had been cancelled.
 - 4.4 Two places were still available for the Federation Quiz at the Gilpin Bridge pub on 4 November 2019.
5. **President’s address**
 - 5.1 **Theatre Trip to see the Ladykillers:** 14 Members had enjoyed this autumn outing to the Theatre by the Lake and thanks went to Jean Sherratt for organising this.
 - 5.2 **Keynote Talk:** the President gave a report on her and Marilyn Shuttleworth’s attendance at this Talk by the High Sheriff of Cumbria, Marcia Reid-Fotheringham at Selside Village Hall the previous week.
6. **Annual Meeting Nominations** for the Committee were invited from Members and a box was made available to collect the nominations.
7. **Future Events**
 - 8.1 **Federation Annual Council Meeting (22/10/19):** Marilyn Shuttleworth would be the delegate at this event and would receive on behalf of our WI, the Burrow Trophy, the Doreen Galbraith Trophy and the Kathleen Hunter Salver for our prize-winning efforts at the County Show.
 - 8.2 **Group Meeting (24/10/19):** to be held at Cartmel Fell village hall at 7.30 pm. Entertainment would be provided by Terry Crawford on Magic and Illusion.
 - 8.3 **Federation Quiz (4/11/19):** to be held at the Gilpin Bridge. Currently there were 2.5 teams and the President reiterated the Treasurer’s request for 2 members to make up a third team.
 - 8.4 **Hall Christmas Fair (7/12/19):** a rota would be available at the November meeting and Members were asked to provide cakes & preserves.
 - 8.5 **Christmas Party (11/12/19):** Liz Clark will cater savouries and the Committee will provide puddings.
 - 8.6 **National Garden Scheme (20/10/19):** Barbie Handley would once again open her garden between 1 and 4 pm in support of this scheme.
 - 8.7 **November meeting (20/11/19):** Jean Sceal advised Members of a change to the planned entertainment following the November AGM, from armchair knitting to a talk on “Days for Girls”, an international charity established to increase access to menstrual care and education by developing local partnerships, cultivating social enterprises, mobilizing volunteers and innovating sustainable solutions that shatter stigmas and limitations for women and girls in the third world. The charity makes hygiene kits as these females have no access to sanitary protection. Members were encouraged to bring to the November meeting their donations of bright cotton flanellette material, dark coloured knickers (size 6), thin wash cloths, 2 cm wide ribbon and wrapped/new small bars of ‘hotel’ soap.
9. **Any Other Business:**

Penny Blair brought to members attention a beginners Taiko drumming workshop to be held on 30 November 2019 at Preston Patrick.

The President thanked this evening’s hostesses before introducing speaker Dr Simon La Frenais on “*Charles Darwin.*”

The **AGM** and next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 20 November 2019 at 7.00 pm**, at which Karen Hanks and Lily Berry will act as Tellers, for the appointment of the Committee and the President.