

CROSTHWAITE & LYTH WI MINUTES – 15 January 2020

1. The President welcomed members, including new member Diana Lund and a welcome back after illness to Mary Choiseul.
2. **Minutes of Meeting held on 11 December 2019:** the Minutes of the last meeting, held in December 2019, which also comprised the Christmas Party, were agreed as a true record and were signed by the President. There were no matters arising.
3. **President's Remarks:** the President provided information on the following:
 - 3.1 Lynne Stubbings has sent a letter of support to the Australia County Women's Association (ACWA) in view of the recent forest and bush fires in that country. The WI cannot make a donation as a charity but individuals are of course able to donate if they so wish. We await a reply from the ACWA.
 - 3.2 The Christmas Tree donated and decorated by WI members as part of the Christmas event at St Mary's Church realised £30 in donations which has been sent to Manna House, the local homeless charity.
 - 3.3 The Rusland Valley Horticultural Association is holding its annual Potato Day on Sunday 19th January at Greenodd Village Hall where seed potatoes, fruit bushes, tubers and seeds can be purchased.
 - 3.4 County Show 2020: the titles of the cooperative categories are as follows:
 - A1 Time to celebrate -6 items to be judged
 - A2 Home and Country-3 items of produce and 3 items of craft
 - B3 Party gifts -3 items of craft
 - B4 Party Time – 3 items of produce made from local recipes
 - 3.5 Damson Day is to be held on 18th April; it was agreed that our WI would not have a cake stall but would investigate the possibility of an information stall.
4. **Secretary's correspondence and newsletter-** in the absence of GB, PH highlighted a number of events in the newsletter, including the Kendal College Song and Dance event covering our centenary 1920-2020 on 6th Feb, the Great Shwaperoo clothes swap on 24th Jan, Kendal Bake Off on 31st Jan, sponsored by CADAS and the Federation visit to Denman for which places were still available with an extended deadline to 31st Jan. Members were also given advanced notice of the annual Crosthwaite Show which this year is to be held on 4th July.
5. **Spring Lunch:** Geraldine provided information about this event which she is coordinating to be held at Kendal College Training Restaurant on 10th March, convening at 11.45am with a cost of £13.50. So far 30 members including some husbands and partners had signed up. Further interest was invited, with a deposit of £5 and the balance to be paid on the day.
6. **Trip to Bingley WI;** Jean Sceal provided information on this twinning visit to take place on Thursday August 6th. The visit will comprise a walk around the village of Saltaire, followed by lunch locally and then a chance to visit the Mill which also includes the gallery (home of David Hockney exhibition). The Committee will fund coach travel from funds.
7. **Any Other Business. J**
 - 7.1. Jean also thanked Geraldine for organising the forthcoming visit to Swarthmoor Hall and the Spring Lunch and provided members with feedback on a recent visit she had made to Arnside to see the Days for Girls charity to which members had donated materials and items for sanitary kits for girls and young women in Africa.

7.2 Mary Choiseul thanked members for their good wishes and gift whilst she had been recently hospitalised.

7.3 Anne Smith reminded members of Pantomime tickets which were available for sale from her this evening.

The President thanked the hostesses, the raffle was drawn and she introduced the speaker for the evening who was Meg Eyre, Marketing Manager from The Theatre by the Lake in Keswick.

8. Date of Next Meeting: 19th February 2020