

## CROSTHWAITE & LYTH WI MINUTES – 19 February 2020

The President (DP) welcomed all to the meeting, including visitor Barbara Heywood, before going through the usual “housekeeping” information regarding the signing in sheet, fire exits and evacuation procedure in the event of a fire.

1. **The Minutes of the Meeting** held on 15 January 2020 were agreed as a true record and were signed by the President.

2. **Matters Arising:** there were no matters arising.

3. **Secretary’s correspondence and newsletter**

a) **The results of C&L votes for 2020 Resolutions** were:

Resolution Title	Number of votes
A call to increase potential stem cell donor registration	8
Female crash test dummies	2
End modern slavery	8
Time to talk about death and dying	0
Protect our precious helium	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>

b) **Tea Cosies and Afternoon Tea (24/2/20):** Federation Chair Karen Hanks had extended an invitation to 5 knitters from each of the Two Valleys WIs, to knit tea cosies for Bowland Bridge’s Hare and Hounds pub in exchange for afternoon tea. Ann Smith may be able to attend.

c) **The Lyth Valley Group Meeting (26/3/20 at 7.30 pm)** will be held at Brigsteer Village Hall, when Vivienne Tregidga will speak about Life in Arctic Norway. She will be dressed in national costume and is to bring a traditional (almond) Norwegian cake. The competitions are a) a photo or a painting in any medium of a snow scene and b) four almond biscuits. Further information was made available to the 11 Members, who indicated by a show of hands that they would be attending.

d) **Age UK South Lakeland** had sent information pertaining to a Gentle Movement class on 27/4/20 at Castle Street Centre in Kendal, Strictly Seated Dancing classes to start on 9/5/20 at Burton Memorial Hall and from 1/4/20 at the United Reform Church Hall in Grange. Further information was made available to Members.

e) **The 2020 Westmorland County Show Schedule** had been received.

f) A **Northern Show** flyer (21/3/20) at Appleby Village Hall was at the back of the Hall for Members’ information.

g) **Highlights from the newsletter** included the Centenary Walk, the Literary Lunch and renewal of Food Hygiene certificates.

4. **Treasurer’s Report**

The Treasurer was pleased to report a very healthy balance at the end of January 2020, before drawing attention to the January 200 Club forms which were ready for Members to collect.

5. **President’s Business.**

a) The President provided a report on the very enjoyable **Centenary Concert** at Kendal Parish Church on 31 January.

b) The President had attended a fun **training afternoon on Boccia** (akin to Bowls) which had been held at the Castle Street Centre. There were plans afoot for our Members to experience this!

c) Thanks were proffered to Barbie Handley for putting together the **2019 Scrap Book** and a volunteer was sought to compile the 2020 version.

d) At Kendal Leisure Centre on 13 May 2020 there would be **Activity Day** morning and afternoon sessions, for which a poster was on the notice board.

e) An invitation to **Damson Day** (18/4/20) had not yet been received. **ACTIONS: The President to contact Mark Basey Fisher about having a WI information stall again this year, for which**

Denise would prepare the literature. Mark also to be asked whether any small sales (ie damson jam) could be made from the stall which would be in the Charity Tent again.

- f) The President had included some **WI reports from the 1970s** on the notice board for Members to read.
- g) A date had not yet been set for the initial meeting of the **Westmorland Show planning group**.

**6. Programme Secretary's update on Bingley visit (6/8/20):** Jean Sceal confirmed that Bingley Members had invite C&L Members to accompany them on their outing to World Heritage Site *Saltaire*. Members would need to arrive by 11 am (so 9.30 departure from Crosthwaite) and a coach will be hired as transport. Refreshments on arrival will be followed by a guided walk of less than 60 minutes' duration, around the town. There will also be free time after lunch for Members for further explore, before their departure about 3.30 pm. Bingley ladies were treating our Members to lunch so the only cost to Members would be £6.

**7. Any other business.**

- a) **Spring Lunch (10/3/20):** Geraldine confirmed that 27 Members (including spouses) would be attending lunch at the Kendal college where they would enjoy a 3-course meal with coffee for £13.50. A £5 deposit had already been paid and the balance would be collected on the day. Members were asked to ensure they arrived at 11.45 promptly for 12.00 meal.
- b) **Autumn Keswick Theatre visit (29/10/20):** Jean Sherratt was holding 12 tickets for the matinee showing of Boeing Boeing (a farce).
- c) **Flowers** to be given to Mary Choiseul, who had commenced her medical treatment.

**8. Date of next meeting:** the next meeting of the Crosthwaite and Lyth WI will take place on 18 March 2020 at which time the speaker will be Chris Tomlinson speaking about "Twenty years of Cumbria Community Foundation". Members were also reminded to bring along their donations to our annual bring-and-buy stall at this meeting.

**9. Presentation:** At the conclusion of business, the President introduced Cannon Ian Greenhalgh who was to speak about his life in the Military Chaplaincy.