

OCKBROOK REDHILL W.I.

48th ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 2019

This is the 48th Annual Report of Ockbrook Redhill W.I.

The Institute currently has a membership of 51, one of which has dual membership, with an average attendance of 34.

The Committee Members for the year were as follows: -

President	Denise Archer
Secretary	Angela Withey
Treasurer, Redhill News, Posters & MCS	Pauline Cassere
Vice President, Asst. Secretary, Committee Secretary & Sick Visitor	Phil Bostock
Vice President Asst. Treasurer & Outings Secretary	Margaret Scott
Press Officer and Facebook Page Admin.	Sue Maclaine
Special Events Refreshments & New Member Hostess	Ann Ramsden
Programme Secretary, Speaker Hostess, Raffle & Prizes Co-ordinator and Sick Visitor	Helen Rigley
County Link and Door Register	Ann Phillips
Produce Evening Co-ordinator, WI Members Contact Details Editor and 50/50 Club	Janet Pinchbeck
Boards and Asst. Press Officer	Tessa Brooks
Craft Evening Co-ordinator & County Show Liaison	Wenda Webb
Birthday Flowers and Special Occasions	Josephine Moor
Refreshments for Meetings & Asst. Special Events Refreshments	Mary Smith
Competition Table & Assistant Raffle Prizes Co-ordinator	Nicki Needham

Margaret Scott and Wenda Webb continue to be on the DFWI Show Committee, Margaret is also on the DFWI Board of Trustees.

Programme

Our Programme, organized by Helen Rigley, has been varied with an interesting variety of speakers. The year started with Doug Bradberry MBE who spoke about The Life and Times of a Farrier, Jo Golby The Laura Ashley Story, Jolyon Maclaine who spoke about his life as a helicopter pilot, Barry Colenso Master Chocolatier who made one of the wedding cakes for the marriage of Prince William, not mention a very interesting evening when four of our members spoke about their lives. Just a sample of the wide range of speakers who have entertained us this year.

50/50 Club

The 50/50 Club continues to be a popular alternative to the monthly raffle. The W.I. gets 50% of the takings, with a 1st prize 30% and 2nd prize 20%. This has realized a profit of £ 202.

Competition

The winner this year is Helen Rigley . All the money raised from the competition go to ACWW Pennies for Friendship.

County Link

Due to rising costs we have had to ask members to pay for their own copy of the County Link this year.

Press Officer

Sue Maclaine has done an excellent job as our Press Officer and Face Book Page Administrator. She always seems to find an interesting link to tie in with our craft evenings.

Birthday Flowers

Birthday flowers are presented each month, this year organized by Josephine Moor with the help of Ann Phillips. Special presentations were made this year to Eileen Crooks on her 90th Birthday, Phil Bostock and Tessa Brooks who stepped down from their roles on the committee as Secretary and Press Officer respectively after a number Helen Rigley arranged our entry into the Christmas Tree Festival at Borrowash Methodist Church, she was assisted with the Decoring it by Ann Phillips and Phil Bostock.

Produce

Janet Pinchbeck continues to run our Produce Group with the help of Steph Clubb. This year we have covered dishes made from cooked mince, Spicy Bean Patty and dip with Flat Bread. For Christmas we made cake decorations out of fondant icing. At the next meeting Steph will be demonstrating Gnudi dumplings with Ricotta cheese.

Craft

We started the year with Wenda Webb as our craft leader. Beginning the year with a painting evening which is always popular. This was followed with a scented candle making in July, landscape painting in November and for December a hanging Christmas decoration. In February Wenda felt unable to continue as craft leader and Pauline Cassere has taken over whilst Wenda is taking a sabbatical. Pauline's first craft evening was a workshop making Kusudama paper flowers which was well attended by both members and non-members.

County Show

We were back to Winning Ways. A big thank you to Wenda and all her team who put such a lot of time and effort into our entries for the show. The theme of the competitions this year was Celebrations. We won the Home Economics Co-operative Competition our entry was based on the celebration of Eid. We came third in the Home Economics White Peak Co-operative competition with our Wedding celebration. Ann Ramsden won the Rose Bowl for the best flower arrangement in Show. Sue Walker gained 19.5/20 for her Wedding Card.

Trips

Margaret Scott continues to be our Outings Secretary.

In June 16 of our members went to Denman using money from the Bursary to help fund the trip. Margaret reported that the trip was action packed but very enjoyable. Members saw a cookery demonstration by Kelly Mauger followed by lunch. After looking around Denman they had Afternoon Tea before returning home. In October members visited Buzzards Valley Vineyard another enjoyable day with lunch. Theatre trips this year have included Guys and Dolls and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. Upcoming trips include a visit to Bluebell's Ice-cream Parlour and the National Memorial Arboretum.

Carol Service

The Carol Service was once again organized by Pat Wilson. A lovely evening that put everyone in the festive spirit. The collection raised £62.24 for our nominated charity 'Take Heart Derby'.

Social and Fundraising Events

- Whist Drive - £82.90 raised
- ACWW Walk the World - Just 6 members and 2 non-members took part raising £24. A collection plate was passed round at the next meeting raising an additional £
- Beetle Drive - £87.00 raised
- Craft & Produce Show - This was our 25th Show raising £194.08.
- Christmas Party - We were treated to an amazing buffet, the food all supplied by members. Janet Pinchbeck made and iced the cake. Ann Ramsden made the punch. Ann Phillips and Josephine Moor made the table decorations. We played the left and right game; it wouldn't be Christmas without this finishing the evening with carols.
- Skittles Evening - £35.75 raised
- County Quiz - Held at Risley, Team B came joint second and Team A came joint third.
- Birthday Dinner - To be held at Kilburn Hall on the 7th June.

Group Matters

Group Meeting at the Jubilee Club, Chaddesden. The speaker was Christine Robinson who used to be the Housekeeper at Chatsworth, followed by a recital from the Acapelo Barbers Shop Choir.

In August we celebrated 100 Years of W.I. in Derbyshire with a Centenary Gala held at Risley it was a great day with a friendly, fun atmosphere. We raised £72.25 from sales on our stalls and received £70 as a share of the total profit raised.

October Hopwell Group Fish and Chip Supper and Games Evening.

In May we are hosting the Group Meeting which will be at Chaddesden, the speaker is Jean Gemmel speaking on 'Life on the Wicked Stage'.

Council Meetings in October at Trent College Long Eaton and March at the Winding Wheel Chesterfield.

Another year seems to have just flown by. Thanks, must go to our Committee, for their hard work to make this a W.I. that runs smoothly, and has an interesting programme of events and activities, also to those non-committee members who take on various responsibilities throughout the year. Finally, thanks to you our members, you make tea, bake cakes, supply prizes and items for our various fund-raising events and the list goes on. Your support helps makes this the W.I. it is today here's looking forward to another successful year.