

# OCKBROOK REDHILL W.I.

## 49<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 2020

This is the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of Ockbrook Redhill W.I.

The Institute currently has a membership of , one of which has dual membership, with an average attendance of 27.

The Committee Members for the year were as follows: -

President	Denise Archer
Secretary and Boards	Angela Withey
Treasurer, Redhill News, Craft Evening Co-Ordinator Posters & MCS	Pauline Cassere
Vice President, Asst. Secretary, Committee Secretary, Sick Visitor & Competition Table.	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
County Show Liaison	Wenda Web
Birthday Flowers and Special Occasions	Tessa Brooks
Refreshments for Meetings & Asst. Special Events Refreshments	Mary Smith

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 again covered a wide range of topics. The year started with Jamie Brooks Illusion Cake Decorator who created an amazing “Pie, chips and mushy peas” cake for us. We have had talks on everything from Polar Bears to the Country of Yemen. Local charities that have spoken to us have been Derbyshire Sight Support and Derby Mountain Rescue, not forgetting our very own Anita Juliana Consultant Gynecologist at Nottingham University Hospital.

## **50/50 Club**

The 50/50 Club has again been well supported by members and this year realized a profit of £181.50

## **Competition**

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

## **Press Officer**

This year Sue Maclaine has continued to promote our WI through reports in Inside 72 and our Facebook page. She has also set up our WhatsApp group to help members keep in touch during the current lockdown period which has proved to be extremely popular.

## **Birthday Flowers**

Tessa Brooks has made lovely posies to give to members for their birthdays. Special presentations this year have included Anne Bailey for 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday and to Josephine Moor when she retired from committee for her years of service.

## **Produce**

Janet Pinchbeck continues to run our Produce Group with the help of Steph Clubb. We have had demonstrations of Meringues, Christmas Cookies and Gnudi

## **Craft**

Pauline has continued as our Craft Leader and we have made Pergamono Bookmarks, cards, and festive floral decorations.

## **Trips**

Margaret Scott continues to be our Outings Secretary. Members have enjoyed visits to Bluebells Diary and the Potteries factory shops for some early Christmas shopping.

## **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 £66 for our nominated charity ‘Derby Mountain Rescue.

## **Social and Fundraising Events**

- Whist Drive - £37.70 raised.
- ACWW Walk the World - Just 5 members, 2 non-members and 5 dogs took part raising £34.
- Beetle Drive - £158.80 raised

- Cheese and Wine Evening - This was a special fundraising event for Scropton Hall Riding and Carriage Driving Centre. The sum donated was £315 a fantastic amount from one evening.
- Craft & Produce Show - This was our 26<sup>th</sup> Show raising £199.39 with a total of 158 entries.
- Learn to Play Whist - This was a fun evening for those members who wanted to learn to play or improve their game.
- 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 Tessa Brooks made the table decorations. We played the left and right game; it wouldn't be Christmas without this finishing the evening with carols.
- Christmas Dinner was held at the Royal Oak with 25 members attending.

## **Group Matters**

October Hopwell Group Fish and Chip Supper with line dancing and quizzes.

We were the hosts the Group Meeting in May. Everyone enjoyed Jean Gemmel and her entertainers.

Council Meetings in October at The Riverside Centre, Pride Park. We donate 2 boxes of toiletries, books, and craft items to the Derbyshire Young Carers appeal.

Another year seems to have just flown by, when we have had to face the challenges of Covid 19 which has shortened our diary of events and challenged us to find new ways to keep in touch with members be it email, WhatsApp or the telephone. Thanks, must go to our Committee, for their hard work to make this a W.I. that runs smoothly, and has an interesting program of events and activities, also to those non-committee members who take on various responsibilities. Finally, thanks to you our members, who support our activities throughout the year.