



HENLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



ANNUAL REPORT 2017 – 2018

We commenced this year with 30 members. A reduction of one due to ill health whilst 9 Committee Members remain.

We celebrated our 2018 Birthday Meeting with an excellent presentation by David Webb one of the twins from the original cast of Hi-de-Hi, the 1990's comedy series based in Maplins, a fictional holiday camp. As a result of the evening we have potentially recruited 2 more ladies.

WI OUTINGS

Shelley's Tea Rooms in Suffolk College & Helmingham Hall Gardens

Both events were a great success in May. The Tea Rooms only cost £10 for a cream tea which was plentiful. The students were a little bit shy at coming forward whilst we got to meet the Lady of the Manor at Helmingham Hall. (Lady Tollemache).

Theatre Trip

In July Joyce Hornsby eagerly arranged the Theatre Trip to Aldeburgh with the usual stop off on route at Flora's Cafe for Fish 'n' Chips at Dunwich. In addition to this, she still takes charge of the monthly book club in her own home.

OTHER PLANNED WI ACTIVITIES INCLUDING COMMUNITY PROJECTS

- ◆ *Coffee Morning on 26 April with craft demo in support of the Blossom Appeal, a local cancer charity based in the Ipswich Hospital and dedicated to building a Breast Care Centre.*
- ◆ *Otley Hall 28 June with cream tea afterwards.*
- ◆ *Harvester's Ploughman Lunch in October. Following our debrief last year on the Winter Warmer usually held in February, we decided that we would have a change of format.*

AWARDS

Federation Quiz Evening



Chairman, Jane Sago presents trophy to Henley WI Quiz Team – Sue Herbert, Jan Garner, Alice Robertson & Kay Swinger.

In July 2017 we managed to clinch the trophy at Needham Market, and did it with an amazing score of 100, 8 points ahead of those in second place. Jan Garner's knowledge was again highlighted and of course, the rest of the team ably contributed to make it a really great success for Henley WI.

President Wins Denman Cup and also receives the Chairman's Award



Picture: Jane Sago presents the Chairman's Award to Sue in March 2018 at annual SEFWI Conference.

The President, Sue Herbert was the winner of the Lady Denman Cup 2017 with her poem, Tollesbury Wick, inspired by the Show the Love climate change campaign. This was the first time that anyone from Suffolk had won the Denman Cup.

ADMINISTRATION

Archiving

The Secretary undertook to archive past records in conjunction with the Suffolk Records Office. Whilst remaining respectful of the traditions and heritage surrounding Henley WI, for the time being all Minute Books, legal documentation, financial statements that have not reached 7 years have been retained and catalogued. Also papers that may be considered to be of historical value marking momentous occasions or such like. That may not sound a lot but it has given us more room and a good tidy up was required in relation to our administration and management of records including old and new.

Three names have featured and subsequent streets and a community room have been named after them. Misses Gascoigne, Boughton and Freeman. All have featured at the initial set up and launch of Henley WI back in the thirties.

FINANCIAL POSITION

We still remain financially stable and are continually guided by a strong Committee and our Treasurer. We have offered the Otley Hall Visit at a subsidised rate for our members whilst our Christmas meals are keenly priced and still produced by ourselves.

As ever we look at ways to both promote and diversify interests within Henley Women's Institute, making it both acceptable and enjoyable to those who still remain with us and for any new joining members.

Alice Robertson

*Secretary
Henley WI*