

March 31st 2022 – Our second meeting of the Centenary year (the February meeting was cancelled due to bad weather).

President, June Leach, welcomed 20 members and 1 visitor.

Apologies – There were 13 apologies, largely due to covid.

The minutes from the last meeting, January 2022 were taken as read.

The Vice Treasurer provided a detailed and interesting report of her visit to the CFWI Annual Council meeting at Woodford Community Centre. More details to follow in Cheshire News. She reported that the CFWI president was retiring.

Matters Arising – Correspondence – the President had received letters of thanks from two members who were recuperating after injury and illness. Both were grateful for the plants the WI delivered to them.

The Secretary had received a form allowing members to book advance tickets to the Cheshire Show. She encouraged anyone who was interested to make contact,

The CFWI Literary Lunch 2022 will be on the 26th July at Cheshire View, again contact the Secretary if interested.

The President reminded members that the details of the Resolutions were in W.I. life Magazine

Cheshire News – February and April Editions have been distributed. There was no Cheshire News in March.

Finances – The Treasurer updated members; the bank account was healthy and she confirmed that 2022/2023 subscriptions would be due in April.

Group News – The Group Coordinator reminded members that the Spring meeting will be at Plumley Village Hall on Tuesday 10th of May at 7.30p.m. Tickets were on sale at £5.00 and numbers were limited. The Speaker will be Chris Harbour, his talk 'Taking Part in Master Chef' and beyond.

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The Autumn Group Meeting will be on Tuesday 11th October at Plumley Village Hall from 2pm till 4pm.

The Knutsford Group had asked if our Group Coordinator is unable to attend meetings that another member attends in her absence. A volunteer has been secured.

Village Hall News – The Village Hall committee is studying future plans for the electrical work, a curtain by the emergency door, heating and repair to the floor at the W.I. end of the Hall.

Future Events – The Centenary committee are meeting monthly to plan events and the Assistant Treasurer will share with members in due course.

A.O.B – The next meeting of the Reading Group is on the 16th May at 2.30pm.

The Assistant Treasurer informed members that the first "social lunch" will be at the edge Hotel on May 3rd at 12.30pm for 1pm.

The Vice President said how successful the first Easter Flower classes had been and reminded members that the next class was 12th April at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

WI Walk Leader was waiting for the weather to improve and will send out an email to members with the dates of the walks.

The President thanked the two WI members who had provided flowers and refreshments for this meeting. She then welcomed the Speaker, George Eccleston, and explained that OP had a strong connection with his talk as one previous member, Millicent Day was great niece of Millicent Fawcett, leader of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Society, non violent suffragettes who lobbied Parliament .



Statue of Emmeline Pankhurst in
St Peter's Square Manchester.



Suffragettes protesting outside Parliament

Members enjoyed an interesting talk on Mrs Pankhurst and the Suffragettes. The Speaker explained how the movement had started and its development over the coming years. He included details such as the significance of the ribbon colours the suffragettes adopted; purple (for dignity), white (for purity) and Green (for hope). It was fascinating.

The evening ended with refreshments and the cakes were delicious as always!

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

If you are interested in joining, look out for the notices and come along to the Village Hall, last Thursday in the month. It's a great way to meet local ladies and if you don't want to come by yourself just contact our president June Leach, june_leach48@yahoo.co.uk, and we'll make sure you receive a warm welcome.