

June 30, 2022 – Our Fifth meeting of the Centenary year

The Vice President, Anne Tomkinson, welcomed 24 members.

The Group then sang Jerusalem accompanied by one member playing the Piano.

Apologies - There were 9 apologies.

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

NFWI Annual Meeting - The Assistant Treasurer had attended the meeting in Liverpool and gave a detailed account of the day and the topics that were discussed - fascinating! A full report will follow in Cheshire News.

Cheshire Show - Over Peover was very well represented and the Show Organiser thanked everyone for their contributions. We had submitted 14 entries and several members had won prizes in various categories:

1st for an Embroidery Picture

2nd for an item of Jewellery

3rd for a Painting

3rd for a Combined Exhibit.

3rd for a Beginners Embroidery Picture

Highly Commended for one Photograph and a commended for another.



The Vice President thanked the Show Organiser for all the hard work she had done encouraging members to enter. She also thanked those who entered and members who transported entries. All in all an excellent result.

Finances - the Treasurer confirmed that the finances were healthy.

Village Hall - The Vice President updated the Group on the repairs.

Social Events - The next Meet and Eat event is at the Churchill Tree Restaurant Alderley Edge on the 13th July.

AOB:

Scrapbooks and Memorabilia : volunteers were asked to help update the scrapbooks, a meeting at the Village Hall will be arranged and members will be asked to bring any memorabilia they may have, to be put in the scrapbooks.

The Scrapbooks will be on display at the Centenary Open Afternoon at the Village Hall planned for 8th October.

Peover Hall Game Fair The Vice President reminded members that the WI will have a stall at the Game Fair and asked for volunteers to help man the stall on the day for an hour or so.

She thanked the Catering Committee for the delicious refreshments and providing the flower, then introduced The Speaker Fay Robinson her subject 'My Sixteen Sisters'.



Fay explains her life as a Tiller Girl

Fay Robinson explained how from a very humble childhood she fulfilled her mother's dream and became a John Tiller girl. She started dancing at an early age and her life was ruled by discipline, be it the strict dance instructor in her early years right through to her career as a Tiller Girl.



She brought Lots of fascinating memorabilia

Fay told us what it was like being a Tiller girl and what it meant to her life.

She traveled around UK and the world, featuring in all the well know shows of the time including Sunday night at the Palladium on television. A weekly programme, the girls would have one day to rehearse before the programme would go out live.

These days the summer season at Blackpool last two weeks, however on those days it would last five months. The schedules were gruelling and she was away from home, but she was part of one large family with her fellow dancers, whom she regarded as sisters.

It was a really interesting talk and refreshments followed- 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.