

Hampshire Federation of WIs

The Spring Council & AGM meeting was held on Wednesday 22 March 2017 at
The Guildhall, Portsmouth

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Federation Chairman, Maureen Levenson was waiting at the entrance to the Guildhall ready to meet and greet members as they arrived.

The meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem.

The Worshipful, the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth, Cllr David Fuller welcomed everyone to the City of Portsmouth. He thanked WI members for all their support in the community and urged members to continue working together and draw satisfaction from their efforts.

AGM

Adoption of Standing Orders: proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Vara Williams of Winton WI, and carried.

Minutes of the Meeting held 22 March 2016: having been sent to all WIs, were proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Pat Wallace of Hambledon WI and signed as a correct record.

Presentation of HCFWI Accounts for the year ending 30 September 2016: Gail Pussard, Federation Treasurer. Gail was delighted to announce that the Federation had enjoyed an encouraging year with the result that the accounts were showing a small surplus. This was especially pleasing in a year of change.

Gail went through the Income, Expenditure, and details of WI House and how it is shown as a restricted fund. The Accounts for the year ending 30 September 2016 were then adopted, proposed by the Board of Trustees and seconded by Phoebe Morrison of Sopley Village WI and agreed unopposed by the delegates by vote.

Adoptions of an Examiner proposed by the Board of Trustees, seconded by Christine Hill of Twyford WI and agreed unopposed by the delegates by vote.

HCFWI Chairman's Address: Maureen Levenson, Federation Chairman reflected on the past year events thanking all the sub-committee's for their hard work. She thanked members for the cakes donated for the Queens 90th birthday celebration at Winchester Cathedral and the cakes made for CarFest. She thanked WI members for everything they do in the community including all the breast heart cushions and twiddlemuffs for Dementia sufferers made so beautifully.

Maureen mentioned that WI staff have had new computer software installed and new WI officers will be able to have generic emails from June 2017 in line with data protection issues. She had hoped the lift at WI House would by now be under construction but hoped it would be soon once planning had been approved.

Maureen gave apologies for June Hunt, Trustee who is very unwell and unable to attend.

She acknowledged the hard work of the WI Advisers and thanked them all for opening 6 new WIs. She then introduced the Trustees on stage and thanked them generously for all their support.

This summed up the business part of the meeting and we then heard from all the sub-committee who gave a heads up on future events.

Morning Speakers:

Ruth Shanks, World President of ACWW and an Associate member of the WI told us about her travels across the globe all in the cause of improving the lives of nine million women worldwide. She thanked members for their generous donations to ACWW and encouraged them to take part in 'Women Walk the World Day' at the end of April.

Fred Gillam 'Fred the Forager' gave a very informative talk about Otzi the (five thousand year old) Iceman. His discovery has given Scientists an insight to the past and knowledge of raw materials, which meant the difference between survival and death.

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Ellingham/Timsbury Bursary winners drawn at random from MCS, each receiving £120:

Cliddesden WI
Sandleheath WI
Lockerley & East Dean WI
Old Portsmouth WI
Shalden WI

Pam Toneri Bursary to aid promotion was awarded to:

Lymington and Sparsholt WIs

Competition and Bursary winner's announcements:

HCFWI Centenary Logo Competition winner – Anne Short, Andover Afternoon WI.

WIs celebrating their Anniversaries this year:

Grateley & District WI	50 th Anniversary
Abbots Ann WI	100 th Anniversary
Boldre WI	100 th Anniversary
Copythorne WI	100 th Anniversary
Sparsholt WI	100 th Anniversary
Twyford WI	100 th Anniversary

Maureen Levenson reminded members to visit Trading Post, urged members to buy raffle tickets and enter the Denman Dip. The meeting then broke for lunch.

Maureen welcomed everyone back and the raffle draw took place.

Denman Dip Winners:

£250 - Anne Martin, Old Portsmouth WI
£250 – Sheila Trott, Oakley Afternoon WI
£200 – Jean Freeman, Oakley & Deane WI

300 Club winners:

£200 - Pat Goodall of Oakley & Deane WI
£100 - Dianne Moore of Goodworth Clatford WI
£100 - Pam Nye for Cove & Farnborough WI
£50 - Joan Woolford of Medstead WI
£50 - Brenda Morgan of Bransgore WI
£50 - Susan Dyer of Ringwood Afternoon WI

The national Lady Denman Cup Competition 2016

Three ladies highly commended from Hampshire were:

Gina Graham
Lynda Murphy
Paula Croser-Neely

Afternoon Speaker: Explorer, Sir Ranulph Fiennes OBE gave everyone a whirlwind journey of his colourful life. He entertained members with a powerful presentation showing graphic photographs of the polar continents and his expeditions. He paid tribute to his late wife Ginny who had been his driving force and soulmate.

Denman Dip winners, each to receive £250 towards a course at Denman.

In closing Maureen reflected on a very successful year thanking her invaluable team, reminding everyone that 'Together Everyone Achieves More'.

Thanks to the Chairman, Penny Dunford, The WI- Flyers (Farnborough)

The meeting closed with one verse of the National Anthem.

Signed.....

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