

Hampshire Federation of WIs

The Spring Council & AGM meeting was held on Tuesday 26 March 2019 at  
The Guildhall, Portsmouth

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

The meeting began with a rousing rendition of Jerusalem followed by a welcome to the Portsmouth Guildhall from The Worshipful, the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth, Cllr Lee Mason.

Gina Ireland, Federation Chairman gave the apologies for the meeting.

**AGM**

Adoption of Standing Orders: proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Anne Potten, Kempshott WI and carried.

Minutes of the Meeting held 21 March 2018: having been sent to all WIs, were proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Barbara Hutton, Kempshott WI and signed as a correct record.

Gina invited Tracy Baker on stage to ask members to vote on the Hampshire Resolution. HCFWI propose to ask NFWI to consider presenting the expert opinions regarding the resolutions in a different format. The proposal is that the expert opinions are published in WI Life and on MYWI earlier so that they can be discussed fully before members vote on the Resolutions in May.  
Proposed by Tracy Baker, Holbury WI  
Seconded by Barbara Kearns, Lovedon Ladies WI  
Agreed by the delegates by vote.

**Presentation of HCFWI Accounts for the year ending 30 September 2018: Gail Pussard, Federation Treasurer.**

Gail Pussard assured members that the Federation was in good shape financially. She encouraged WIs to return their Gift Aid forms to the Federation as any gift aid claim would go towards the Pooling of Fares costs. She confirmed the Federation will pay the Pooling of Fares this year and if Gift Aid can be claimed, it is hoped the Federation will continue to do this.  
Adoptions of an Examiner proposed by the Board of Trustees, seconded by Tracey Bridgman of The Tilly Widgets WI and agreed unopposed by the delegates by vote.

Gina Ireland introduced the 2019 – 2020 Board of Trustees; she reminded members that they are all volunteers and the decision makers of the Federation. Gina encouraged WI members to make nominations for the 2020 – 2022 Board of Trustees seeking their permission beforehand. She acknowledged the hard work of the WI Advisers and thanked them. She wished two Advisers in training, Marylou Carlton and Barbara Withers all the best.

Gina gave her sincere thanks to Denise Smythe-Wright and Jennifer Thomson who have decided to step down as Editors of the magazine. Jennifer was unable to be at the meeting but she presented Denise with a beautiful arrangement of flowers and chocolates.

Having recently completed the National Climate Change training Denise Smythe-Wright and Liz Bisset were awarded their certificates and will be Hampshire Climate Change Ambassadors.

**HCFWI Chairman's Address: Gina Ireland, Federation Chairman.**

Gina looked back at the past years events, thanked all the Event Managers who had contributed to the success of HCFWI and mentioned ladies behind the scenes who work tirelessly in the background. She urged members to support the Red Box Project and gave details on how to get involved.

Signed.....

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This summed up the business part of the meeting and we then heard from Julia Hender, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair who gave details of future planned Federation events. A varied programme covering a wide range of events has been put together on weekdays, evenings and weekends to accommodate all.

**Hampshire winners of the Elizabeth Bell Photographic competition:**

Hartley Wintney WI, Barton Bees WI and Padnell Park WI. Gina wished them all the best at National level.

**Winner of the Judges Cup:** Jackie Chamberlain, Hyden WI Clanfield

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

Four Marks Afternoon WI  
Ringwood & Hangersley WI  
Stroud Evening WI  
Waterside WI

**300 Club winners:**

*£100 Mrs Betty White of Arford WI*  
*£100 Deborah Antony-Roberts for Romsey WI*  
*£50 Zoe Fenwick of Roedowns WI*  
*£50 Pam Mullins of Wallington Village WI*  
*£25 Carole Allen of Colden Common WI*  
*£25 Doreen Traylor of Bransgore Evening WI*

After a short comfort break, the morning ended with entertainment from a selection of the Performing Arts competition winners. Denmead Belles WI sang '12 monthly meetings; Chilworth WI sang their Anniversary song, followed by Kempshott WI who did a rendition of 'Lilli Marlene and her lady of the night friends'. The entertainment finished with the overall winners of the competition, Morning Tide WI choir. It was a fantastic insight into the talented and creative WIs we have and filled the room with joy and laughter.

**Gina** welcomed everyone back and asked the Lord Mayor to pick three winners at random for the Denman Dip raffle draw:

**Winners:**

£250 – Sue Garrod, Brockenhurst WI  
£250 – Janet Day, Holbrook WI  
£200 – Olive Parsons, Lee on the Solent WI

**Afternoon Speaker:** Pam Ayres had everyone crying with laughter as she related tales of her young life at home and adhoc observations.

Julia Hender thanked Pam and presented her with a beautiful basket of flowers, a belated birthday present from the WI.

Ann Ryan thanked the Chairman for the meeting.

In closing Gina expressed her profound thanks to all those who contribute to the running of the meeting and Federation and wished everyone a safe journey home.

The meeting closed with one verse of the National Anthem.

Signed.....

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