

#### REPORT FOR ALMELEY PARISH MEETING APRIL 2016 – APRIL 2017

We have had another full and interesting year. Membership is maintained at 20 members and we have welcomed visitors and guests to our meetings.

Our programme secretary works really hard to give us an interesting year with speakers and other entertainment. We have had speakers from all walks of careers and in April we had Canon Sandy Elliot on Female Saints and Sinners in the Marshes. Guy Clarke MBE was from the Border Agency spoke of his work preventing the smuggling of endangered species throughout the world.

We usually have an outing in June but we decided to have a 'take and share supper' social evening instead, which everyone enjoyed. We were shown a technique of how to decorate candles which was very time consuming but the end result was beautiful and were unique. Rebecca Edmonds a Clinical Hypnotherapist treats patients with phobias, stress and many other health issues. She gave us an insight of how to do a relaxation technique which had every member more relaxed at the end of the session.

Our Christmas party was held in the Bells Inn and enjoyed by everyone.

To begin 2017, we had a social evening with 2 of our members giving us an insight to their careers. Denise Mullis of teaching children with learning and behavioral difficulties and gave us some examples of the challenges she was faced with the children. Greta Beresford with her travels to Russia and surrounding countries with educating midwives to improve their practice to deliver healthier babies.

We had our February lunch at The King's House in Pembridge.

In March, we had a Quiz night with Stuart and Di Brian being our quiz masters. We invited other clubs and associations in the village to the evening. We had a very good evening with lots of laughter and delicious refreshments.

Our chosen charity this year was Macular Degeneration. Margaret Smith had a coffee morning at her home to help with our fundraising. Patricia Skeet gave us an account of her condition of Macular Disease and it was easier to explain her journey she went through with how it was diagnosed and treatment.

Almeley WI support other associations in the village. We provide the cream teas for the Almeley Fete in July.

We were asked to support the Christmas Tree festival and 2 of our members provided a beautiful tree. We provided the mince pies and tea for the carol service this year for the first time and was appreciated by the church.

We still continue to support the Macmillan Coffee mornings and we like to give thanks to Jason and Lisa at the Bells Inn for the use of their facilities. This year's event was well attended raising £526.00p.

As you have heard we are a lively WI and have a good time.

Susan Knight  
Secretary

New Committee: President  
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