

Wincle & District WI

November is the month of our AGM, and due to Covid, we had to miss it in 2020. It is an opportunity to thank the committee for their hard work in the previous months, and also to confirm any changes in members of our committee. I am delighted to say all current members agreed to remain in their roles for another year. I continue as President, Judith Bayley as Secretary, Carol Seddon as Treasurer and Angie Page as Vice-President. Our other members are Shirley Goodwin, Susan Brocklehurst, Wendy Allen and Jenny Marsh. Judith gave the Annual Report summarising the activities over the previous year – despite the Covid restrictions, we managed a busy and varied programme, which ends with our Christmas Party on December 7th at Swythamley & Heaton Centre from 6.30pm. Following our supper, Neil O'Connor our guest speaker, will share his photography of many of his beautiful local walks.

Once the AGM was concluded, we were able to enjoy the creative skills of Christine Heath, who showed everyone how to make a Christmas decoration in the shape of a bird. Christine has the ability (and the patience!) to demonstrate a simple method, with just a few items she brought along, to enable us to take home our new Christmas decoration.



The AGM is also an opportunity to thank all our members for their excellent support, especially during the last 18 months and the difficult times we all experienced during the pandemic. Despite the Covid restrictions, we were able to keep in touch via the Zoom technology, and met up safely, as soon as we could. We increased our membership during 2021 and welcomed new guests to some of our meetings.

Once again we will be providing a Christmas Hamper raffle prize for Wincle School's Christmas Fayre, with donations of festive treats from our ladies. Our WI is always willing to help with any local community events, with our ladies generously giving up their time and baking cakes of course! It has been the fundamental 'ethos' of the Women's Institute since its inception in 1915, and we are very proud to embrace it.

We are looking forward to an outing on November 30th when a group of us will be booked in for the 'Christmas at Chatsworth House' tour, including visiting the Christmas Markets.

Our 2022 programme is almost completed with plenty to look forward to. We start with a New Year Dinner on January 25th, and then our first actual meeting will be a talk by local resident Kelvin Fletcher, from Butterlands Farm, Wincle. Topic is yet to be confirmed but it could include being an 'Emmerdale Farm' actor, a Strictly Come Dancing finalist or being a racing driver!

Finally, Wincle & District WI would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year

We welcome guests at all of our meetings, if you would like to join us, either as a guest or a member , please contact Judith Bayley: 01260 253129 or Suzanne Henshall: 01260 227209

PS (the President will try any means to get that photo!)

