

Wendlebury WI

Secretary's Report for 2012-2013

2012-2013 has been another busy and enjoyable year for Wendlebury WI. Our membership has remained stable at about thirty , although we have recently lost three long-standing members.

At the AGM last March, the nine existing members of the committee were voted in en bloc and Janet Witney was re-elected as President. We were also delighted to welcome Vanessa Maundrell to the committee.

Our Summer Outing to the Oxfordshire Museum Resource Centre at Standlake was, unfortunately, a little disappointing. However, everyone enjoyed a good meal at the Rose Revived afterwards. We also returned to Denis's restaurant in Bicester for our Autumn Feast and were looked after very well.

2012 saw two major national events, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics in London. Our WI did the catering for a 'Big Breakfast' which was held in the Hall to raise money for the Jubilee celebrations in the village. It was a great success and made £342. We then followed up the 'Rule Britannia ' theme for our Christmas party and members were asked to come dressed in red , white and blue.

We have had an interesting and varied programme of speakers. Liz Woolley came to talk about 'Child Labour in Victorian Oxfordshire' and was followed by Brian Lowe , who gave us a fascinating insight into the life of C. S. Lewis. Paul Ridley came to speak about the 'History of Garden Design ' and our most talk was by Lee Butler who explained the art of Chinese medicine and acupuncture.

Members have also been on OFWI visits and outings to such varied places as Chatsworth and the Christmas markets at Winchester.

As always, the WI gives us so many opportunities to do and try such a variety of different things.

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