

## CLIFTON UPON DUNSMORE WI

### Presidents' Report 2017

We were sad to record the death of Maudie Lower and Anne Sutton this year both of whom had given a great deal to our WI.

#### **Warwickshire Federation of WIs**

On 10 April 3 members had an enjoyable day at the County Meeting at Chesford Grange and in October 5 members attended the County Walk which was a bit of a disappointment after the fun of last year.

#### **Group**

We finished our year leading group activities with a Christmas Concert in the TMH on 15 December. We did a spoof of the Twelve Days of Christmas and thanks must go to Cath Hammond and Joyce Donner for making it work so well. Other WIs in the group contributed to the evening with entertaining readings, etc. We finished a jolly evening with tasty refreshments.

Unfortunately, only 3 members were able to attend the Group event with the Magician and a small group of Clifton members enjoyed the afternoon tea at Malt Kiln Farm.

#### **Speakers**

Thanks to June and Mandy, we had a good programme of speakers organised ranging from informative talks on such subjects as: *British Blind Sport*, *'Top to Toe' the price of Vanity* and *Stories from the Auction Room*; personal stories such as *A Policeman's Lot*, *Toytown to Buckingham Palace* and *The Entertainment and Entertainers of Days Gone By*; the very entertaining *Hon. Mrs Victor Bruce 1928 with Mind Your Motor Manners* and the craft of *Wrapping a Bottle*.

#### **Walks**

Jayne Pang has done a sterling job throughout the year providing different walks each Monday. She has had more help this year with Liz, Diana and Isobel leading some walks. We continued having the first Monday in the month for a short walk option.

#### **Theatre**

Jayne has also organised visits to Rugby Theatre which attracted good attendance.

#### **Craft Group**

The Craft Group has been meeting with Daphne and Susan Addams keeping things going.

**Outings** on the last Wednesday of each month have taken us to a variety of places attracting varying numbers of members.

#### **Social events**

- We thank Mandy for organising our Annual Dinner held at The Carlton for which there was a good turnout
- Pat once again welcomed over 20 members to a social evening.

#### **Cake Sales**

We raised about £250 with our 2 cake sales which is being given to Myton Hospice

#### **Centenary Yearbook**

We produced an interesting modern version of our previous submission reflecting the changes the village has seen over the past 25 years

#### **Promoting ourselves**

We now have a Facebook page which is getting more hits, etc.

*Flyer* Some members took them to deliver locally and the walking group did the rest. We have attracted a few new members.