

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE REPORT 2023-24

I am pleased to report that our W.I. had a full year with a variety of activities in addition to our regular monthly meetings. These activities included –

- 2 successful Jumble Sales
- Tea and Chats at a local café
- Soup and Natters during the winter month
- Plants, Jigsaws and Games Sales
- Thriving Book Club
- Garden Party in the Summer
- Christmas Lunch at The Bell Inn
- Presentation of a wreath at the Remembrance Day Service
- Attending the local W.I. federation for its AGM at Culford Hall
- Attending the national W.I. Federation AGM in Cardiff.
- Trips to Ickworth Hall, 10 Pin bowling and Holkham Hall (for Christmas).

Due to the success of our jumble sales, we were able to make a donation of £200 to the local Community Bus and our waste jumble also goes to be re-cycled with the money also donated to the Bus.

In April 2023 it was our turn to host a W.I, Group Meeting which we held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April, and which was attended by over 70 ladies. Our speaker was Matt, cartoonist for the Daily Telegraph who was very entertaining showing some of his cartoons from recent years and explaining how we comes up with the ideas. We then served afternoon tea, during which our guests tackled 2 cartoon related quizzes. A very successful afternoon enjoyed by all.

We had a wide variety of speakers for our monthly meetings including 2 by our own members. Topics included –

- Designing and building your own Eco Home
- The Mercy Ships
- What happens to the rubbish in your bins
- Calkewood Woods through the Seasons
- The funeral of Queen Elizabeth II – an attendee's memories of the occasion
- A local bakery ` Bornwie & the Bean
- Sri Lankan Cookery
- A History of Toys for Christmas
- Western Australia

We also held a Craft evening, with our members demonstrating their skills, a Christmas Party and we run fun competitions each month, the proceeds of which go to a local charity and monthly raffles.

***Rosemary Setterfield - President***



*Guests at our Group Meeting*