

Winterborne Kingston WI - Annual Report 2016

Membership still stands at 23 and new members are always welcome.

It has been a busy year as the centenary of the National Federation of Women's Institutes was celebrated in 2015. This was marked by many events, one being a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, when a member from each WI in the country was invited to attend. Rita Morris went on behalf of our WI. Our own WI commemorated the occasion by having a centenary day in September when there were many displays of photos, archives and examples of members' work. Also, to mark the event, a planter has been purchased which I hope you have all seen during the last few months filled with a variety of flowers near the war memorial. This will be maintained by the WI and now has a plaque fixed with appropriate inscription. There has been a variety of interesting speakers, an outing to the Bishops Palace in June, various group events and, of course, our Flower Show.

Popular events are the annual Pancake morning, and the children enjoy the Halloween fun morning when witches and pumpkins abound. Much fun to be had by all, including some of the adults.

Litter picking has continued approximately every month, apart from a couple of winter months. We were rained off by torrential rain once (we have carried on in drizzle and strong winds). The village is really quite good but the main problems are the lay-bys either side of the village and the surrounding areas. We have collected ten full black bags some days altogether.

We have also tidied around the hall area some times, although we have not done much this year yet. It is frustrating to see the litter appear down the lane and up the hills as soon as we have finished, but we keep going and hope it does make a difference to our village. At least we know it has been done.

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