

Slimbridge Parish WI

Minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
at Slimbridge Village Hall

**1. Welcome and Notices**

The meeting was opened by our President Alison Hunt who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Minutes of the AGM 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

The minutes of 2016 were accepted unanimously and signed by the President as correct.

Proposed – Jill Tait                      Seconded – Penny Smurthwaite

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Elizabeth read her report to the members. A copy of which is attached.

Proposed – Marion Miller    Seconded – Tina Lees                      Accepted unanimously.

**4. Annual Report**

Carole read the annual report of everything our WI had done over the past 12 months she also stated that she is standing down from her role as Secretary but intends to remain on the committee. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

**5. Nominations for Committee**

Alison Hunt stood down as President but will remain on the committee. **Elizabeth Adams** is willing to take on the role of President

Proposed – Sarah Davis    Seconded – Annie Harris                      Accepted unanimously

Elizabeth Adams stood down as Treasurer; **Jane Newns** is willing to take on the role of Treasurer

Proposed – Alison Hunt    Seconded – Carole Jeffes                      Accepted unanimously.

Carole Jeffes stood down as secretary but will remain on the committee, as no one came forward to take on the role the position remains vacant.

Sue Harris stood down and **Annie Harris** would like to join the committee

The other members of the committee are willing to stand for re-election

**Alison Hunt, Carole Jeffes, Tina Lees, Ali Smith, Sarah Davis, Danielle Ellis, Kathy Lane.**

Proposed - Kim Webb    Seconded – Christine Price    Accepted unanimously

**6. President's Address**

Alison read the President's Address a copy of which is attached and thanked everyone for making her time as president such an enjoyable one.

The Annual Report and The President's Address were accepted unanimously

Proposed – Alison Hunt    Seconded – Mary Sealey

Signed as a true record..... Dated.....

## Treasurers Report for AGM 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017

We have 38 members this year, and are pleased to welcome a couple of new faces.

I would quickly like to tell you how your £41.00 subscription is allocated as it has gone up by £2.00 this year.

Slimbridge WI get £20.00

Federation share = £9.30

NFWI share = £11.70.

Also from 2018 if we register for Gift Aid we will be able to claim back 25% of our share of your subscriptions which amounts to £190.00.

As well as this each WI has to pay £18 for pooling of fares to the NFWI, Public Liability insurance to GFWI of £17.50. The insurance covers me as treasurer for holding money overnight, and our use of the village hall for our activities. The cost of the hall this year has been £480.45, this does include our extra activities when we have hired the hall for the afternoon & evening so we are able to prepare for things such as the Christmas evening last Dec & the quiz & pudding.

We have also spent £348.81 on speakers/guests this year, which I hope you will all agree has been money well spent.

Our fundraising activities have been very fruitful this year, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you that have helped in whatever way, as we wouldn't be as financially secure without all your efforts.

Quiz & Pudding Evening = £347.09

Slimbridge Fete = £226.14

Slimbridge Horse Show = £178.46

Total raised = £751.69

The fundraising is invaluable as it enables us to subsidise some of our activities & keep costs down for everybody as much as possible.

<b>Total receipts less payments for this year</b>	<b>= £592.61</b>
<b>Funds B/f from 2016</b>	<b>= £1248.78</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward for 2017</b>	<b>= £1841.39</b>
<b>Petty cash</b>	<b>= £37.50</b>

## SLIMBRIDGE PARISH WI ANNUAL REPORT

2017 has been another good year for Slimbridge Parish WI, our membership is still increasing and our meetings normally attract several visitors giving a nice boost to our funds.

We got off to a good start in January with a Yoga and Mindfulness evening with Amy from Birdwings Yoga, which left everyone feeling relaxed and energised. This was followed in February by willow weaving with Sue Gibson who showed us how to create practical and beautiful garden supports. Also in February a small group of members had a lovely trip to Cheltenham with lunch and a very interesting guided tour of Cheltenham Ladies College. As a Mother's Day treat in March we held a Truffle Workshop with Clare White from Pat-a-Cakes Bakery in Cam. In April we tried Fitsteps FAB (For Any Bodies) with World Jungle which was great fun. May saw us trying on hats supplied by Tricia Hamilton. Also in May, back by popular demand, we held our main fundraiser the Quiz and Pudding Evening. A lovely summer evening in June found us having processo and canapés at Frampton Manor and Garden. Slimbridge Fete and Sports day was also held in June and we had a very busy day supplying tea and cakes to visitors. In July we had a light hearted but very informative talk from Funeral Director Jeremy Clutterbuck entitled "Things you have been Dying to Know". For our August meeting Sue Harris organised an interesting treasure hunt around Slimbridge Village. Slimbridge Horse Show was also in August and our select team supplied lunches for over 40 Judges and cream teas for many visitors to the Show. At our September meeting Jane Newns, introduced us to Beading, and we had the opportunity to make a very realistic beaded spider and a pair of earrings and Jane showed us some of the beautiful jewellery she had made. Also in September we were treated to a fascinating behind the scenes guided tour of the Bristol Hippodrome. In October local resident Den Bannister and his daughter introduced us to their lovely spaniels Leo and Archie and they explained the work they do as PAT dogs. October was also enlivened by a Tour of a Gin Distillery in Thornbury and finally in December we will be making Christmas candles in a cup and saucer with Kathy Lane, and folded paper greetings cards and Christmas crackers with Sarah Davis and Danielle Ellis.

This is the fifth annual report that I have compiled as part of my role as Secretary and although it is not a difficult job I find that in light of my other commitments the time has come to pass the position on to someone new, so I am standing down. I would like to thank Alison and all present and past members of the committee for their support and encouragement.

## **Slimbridge Parish WI**

### **President's Address 2017**

**This year has flown past again, as they all seem to do these days! And what a busy year we have had.**

**We've responded to your requests for some additional activities with our trips out and and you have all risen to the challenge on our financial affairs, and our fundraising has been very well supported this year. Both of these areas being borne out by Carole and Elizabeth's reports.**

**The Committee have put together a varied and interesting programme for 2018, with plans afoot for additional visits/trips out during the year. If any of you have a great idea for these, do tell us about it ..... and it doesn't have to be just the Committee organizing something – any of you can get involved with this!**

**Slimbridge seems to become known for offering a very relaxed and informal meeting within the local WI Group, not least of which is our inclusion of wine being available! Whilst this is great, our wine offering is not proving to be cost effective with a bottle of red, white and rosé available each month and we need to find a way to make this work better. We are thinking of having a trial run on providing just one type each month and see how this works, unless any of you have any better idea?**

**Did you know it is our 10th Anniversary in 2018? Sarah and her friends resurrected this WI in 2008 and we thought it would really good to celebrate this milestone. Our thoughts were perhaps on a party next summer, maybe in the form of a boat trip and/or a BBQ. If you have any brilliant suggestions, please let us know by 1st March.**

**And while on the subject of deadlines, we also thought it would be rather nice to create a logo for our WI, which is synonymous with the parish and us. It would be used on all our artwork, at events and elsewhere wherever appropriate and we are throwing open the challenge of creating a design for this to all of you! Sarah has put together guidelines for this and we will email these to you shortly, and again, we would like your creations in by 1st March**

**One of our fundraising events each year is the Slimbridge Horse Show and as you know Judith has masterminded the Judge's Lunches for many years – in fact the past six years! She has finally decided to offer this opportunity to someone else, so next year we would like to see some new faces taking over. It doesn't have to be just one person as Judith has had Sue and Carole-Ann working with her over the years! The whole operation works like a well oiled machine these days, and Judith will provide a handover to her successor. Our thanks goes to Judith and Sue, who is also bowing out, for all their hard work and efforts over the years. As Sue is also standing down from the Committee, in part due to her Grandma duties!, my thanks for everything she's done, both personally and from all of us.**

**Last but not least ..... your Committee over the last year – Elizabeth, Carole, Tonia, Tina, Ali, Kathy, Danielle, Sarah – what a phenomenal team! We're lucky to have them all on board! And now we have two new ladies joining them – Jane and Annie – Welcome! They obviously heard about our committee meetings – more of a social event over supper, with a bit of WI business thrown in for good measure!**

**So that's it folks ..... I've thoroughly enjoyed my tenure as President and I'm delighted to be leaving you all in the safe hands of Elizabeth. I've had a great buzz hearing passing comments away from our WI meetings like 'they're a friendly bunch' ..... 'they do really fun things' and I'm proud to be associated with all of you – you're a fabulous group of ladies! We've got an exciting year ahead in 2018 and on that note, may I will propose the adoption of the Annual Report with a show of hands .....**