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Resolutions

In April we held a mosaic workshop which was well attended and everyone was able to complete a small item. Lis Greensmith was the tutor and brought with her a wonderful selection of tiles and glass which we could use. She showed us how to cut the tiles and glass and had also brought examples of what could be achieved. I think most a lot of us felt we would like to do it again.

With the help of the Photographic Society we held our second photographic competition and was pleased there were more entries than last year. The judges remarked their task was more difficult because the standard of the entries was much higher. Thank you to everyone who took part and to all those who helped and especially to the two judges Bob and Paul.

At this month's meeting the two resolutions being considered by the National Federation of W.I.'s were discussed. We were again joined by Binley Woods W.I. and both W.I.s recommended that the resolutions should be approved. The first one, "Alleviating Loneliness", members felt lonely people were more likely to feel isolated in urban areas than in rural communities. Loneliness can affect a person's health so if more could be done to help those affected then it would relieve the work of health and social care services but it was felt that it could be difficult to know how to help someone without seeming to be interfering. The second resolution was, "Plastic Soup: keep microplastic fibres out of our oceans". I think a lot of people do not realise that every time we load the washing machine with man made materials microplastic fibres finish up being absorbed by marine life and possibly ending up in the human diet. These micro fibres are not degradable and are far more damaging than larger items e.g. plastic bottles. One possible solution is for washing machine manufacturers to fit a special filter but research is still ongoing as to whether this would solve the problem.

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