



Wolston WI 1918 - 2018

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Jitterbugging

Happy New Year to everyone and this a very special one for Wolston W.I. as we are celebrating our 100th birthday. I wonder what members who joined in 1918 would think about the way things have changed. There is certainly less formality and I am certain they would not approve of ladies wearing trousers to meetings. The reason the W.I. is thriving is because they embrace change but still hold on to the ideals that were important over 100 years ago.

Our first meeting of the year got us off to a lively start when Kate and Nick gave us some facts about the different forms of dance and after demonstrating some of them, gave us the opportunity to try some of the dances. The floor was quite crowded but we were told a lot of the dances are performed on a small area because the dance halls of the time were so crowded. I think members who chose to watch enjoyed the evening as much as those who got up to dance. Don't forget the photographs taken can be seen on the village website and the village Facebook page.

Each month we are going to cover an era and this month was 1918 to 1927 and members were asked to bring in memorabilia from that time. There were several photographs, medals, beautiful lace skirts and jacket, books which had been Sunday school prizes and a fox fur stole complete with head. I don't think anyone would wear it today – another sign of how attitudes have changed. We also had a notice which gave us some of the outstanding events of each year of that period.

The memorial book we have been compiling is almost finished and was taken to the meeting for members to see. A big thank you to everyone who helped supply the information.

We have a number of events planned for the next few months but the first one is a skittles evening at Brandon Club which is very kindly being organised by Lesley and Keith Blay. Thank you.

I can see from our special new programme which was designed by Jane Gibbs, that next month, Thursday, 8 February 2018, our speaker will be Gillian Crisp talking about the work done by the Associated Country Women of the World.

Jean Morgan