



## Wolston WI News – May 2019

### Resolutions

Resolutions are often associated with the New Year, but it is at this time of the year that W.I. members decide if they want resolutions put forward by some members for National W.I. to campaign on them. At our May meeting this year we were discussing two issues. One was about the declining bus service in rural areas and recommending that the government and local authorities increase subsidies and work in partnership with bus companies and community transport operators to enable an adequate provision of services. Whilst at the present time our villages have a reasonable service, members realise other areas are not so lucky and both Wolston and Binley Woods members, who had joined us for this meeting, voted for the resolution.

The second resolution was “Don’t fear the Smear”. We were informed cervical screening saves around 5,000 lives a year, yet attendance is currently at its lowest for a decade. The resolution urges all WI members to attend routine screening, and to act to raise awareness of the importance of cervical screening by talking to family and friends because if a problem is detected early, often before any symptoms appear, a woman has much greater chances of survival. It was discussed as to why women do not have it and mainly it was because of embarrassment and not knowing exactly what happens. Although not strictly covered by the resolution there was a view expressed that the ages when women are offered the smear test should be extended, younger and older, but another member pointed out that it is not always a good idea for a woman to start having tests too early. The resolution was again passed by both W.I.’s.

The rest of the evening was spent enjoying a light supper and a quiz with the opportunity for a chat.

We celebrated St. George’s day with a traditional British meal of roast beef and vegetables at the Rose and Crown and a big thank you to Darren who prepared it specially for us.

Our speaker next month is Anna Prosser who will be talking about dogs for the disabled. We will be meeting at the village hall 8.00 p.m. Thursday, 13 June, 2019, so why not come along as a visitor. You will be very welcome.

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