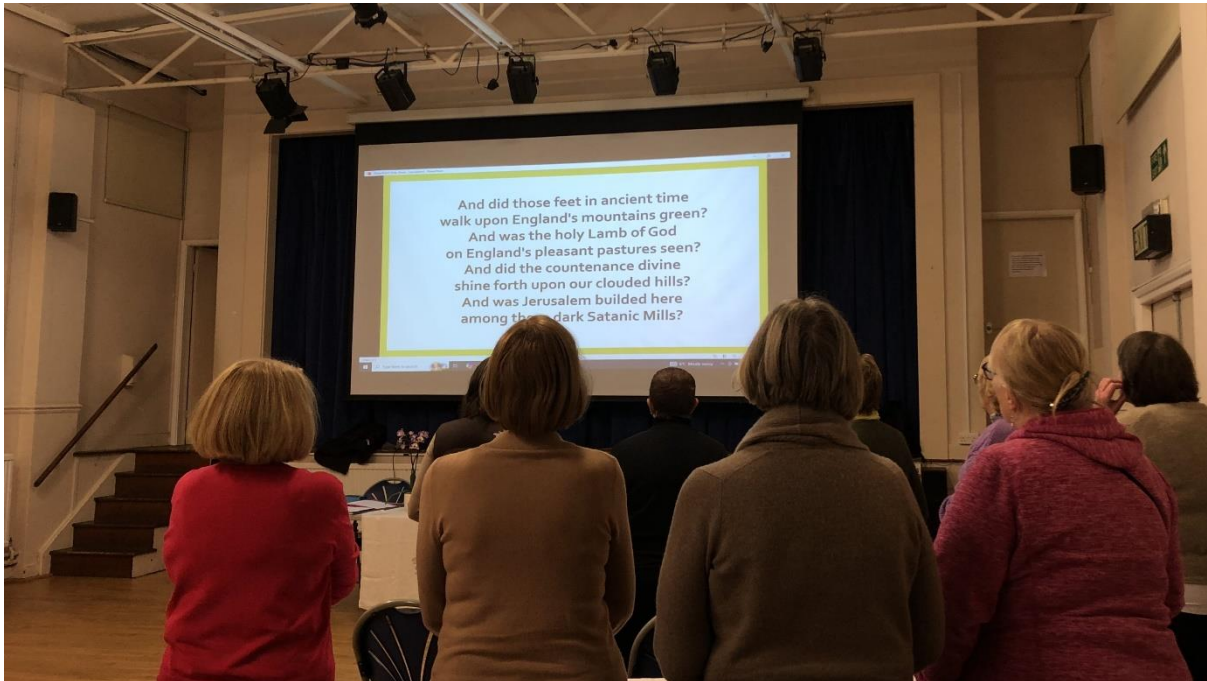


Annual General Meeting



The weather was very cold on Wednesday night but a warm welcome greeted 16 members of Woodhouse Eaves Women's Institute who met for the AGM. The meeting was followed by a cheese and wine buffet. The president Hilja Skorupa welcomed everyone. She thanked the helpers who had contributed to making the recent Bingo Evening a great success. Hilja also thanked Monica for hosting the Christmas Craft Workshop at her home.

Thanks were given to Sue Young for running the raffle, Gwen for taking the register and hostesses Sue Palfrey, Angela and Janet. Birthday gifts were given to members with birthdays this month. There is a Christmas Tree Festival at St Paul's Church, and the WI has a beautiful tree designed by Sian. Carols and Cakes is at the Methodist Church on Thursday December 12th at 4.30pm. If anyone would like to read a seasonal poem or prose, please contact Jane Futcher.

The Christmas Lunch is on the December 16th, please contact Maria for more details.

Members were thanked for knitting poppies for the Remembrance display and Jane Faulks was thanked for laying the wreath.

The Christmas party will be on December 18th. Members were asked to bring a sweet or Savory contribution and a secret Santa wrapped gift to the value of £5. Entertainment will be provided by the Shanty Folk. The committee are contributing a hamper for the raffle.

The AGM followed the November meeting.

The secretary Yung read a report of the year's activity. Meetings had speakers on such diverse subjects as local history, wellbeing, food and drink, crafts and entertainment. The institute now has 54 members and there are clubs for member's interests including: walking, book, skittles, lunch, darts and coffee morning. The WI has a website. The motto in 2024 was 'Friendship and Fun this year with Woodhouse Eaves WI' and it is hoped this will continue into 2025.

Cheryl presented the accounts which showed a healthy balance. They were approved by members.

President Hilja gave her report. She thanked the committee for all their hard work and said how much she had enjoyed her time as president. She is moving away and would miss everyone. She announced the result of the election as a unanimous election of all the candidates. The committee has two new members Janet Wanstall and Angela Stirling. The WI new president by a unanimous vote is Monica McKee, Yung the Secretary and Cheryl the Treasurer. Yung and Cheryl are also the Vice President.

The evening ended with a fun quiz about Chocolate with Maria.

Sarah May

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