

## MOLESEY WI ANNUAL STATEMENT 2018

The Molesey WI was launched in April 2009, aiming to provide women with a platform for friendship, involvement, learning and opportunity, to benefit the community and beyond.

We try to reflect the many talented, interesting, diverse and community-minded women in the area. It's not exclusive – we encourage women of any age and background to join us and all are made to feel welcome, whether their interest is in learning a new skill, sharing stories or talents or just meeting up with friends and new people.

At the end of last year we ran our very successful mince pie stall at Magical Molesey, followed by our Christmas meeting making floral decorations and crackers and sampling others flair by having a mini Come dine with me. Also took part at Bridge Road Winter Wander where we very successfully sold gingerbread biscuits made by our members.

We again had our stall at the carnival selling not only homemade cakes but crafts too and were delighted with the support from you as the homemade Fayre looked amazing.

During the past year we have enjoyed activities from what's in a name? a presentation from The Great Baldini on the history of magic and performing tricks, New Year, New You - members ideas on different groups of which some of them - walking, book club, theatre have made an excellent start in reaching out to our members, making Easter baskets, quiz, talk on woodwork, history on a funeral business, 12 ladies attended 100th celebrations with other WI groups in Surrey, Sally's row across the Atlantic, picnic at Wisley, Holly teaching in Africa, Bbq, Hampton Court kitchen garden and interesting facts about Surrey countryside. Some of our members have supported Elmbridge healthy walks which have been very informative as well as healthy as well as us doing our own walks. We have also had a trip to the theatre to see Dreamgirls and the exhibition at Westminster Hall "voice and vote Women's place in Parliament ". Joined in with the other WI groups by attending a talk from the Farnham town crier. So we try and put things on in between our monthly meetings. Most of these ideas have come from you the members which helps us as a committee to make it very much Your WI, so please keep them coming.

We hope to continue to seek to be involved with the community as we feel we have a responsibility to take an active role in forging alliances with local business, organisations and charities. We have shown this by actively supporting Magical Molesey by organising the traders raffle ( please buy a ticket as there are amazing prizes)

In 2018 we enjoyed the company of 40 full members and 1 dual member , with an average attendance of 26. In addition we have attracted 39 visitors over the year, an average of 4 visitors per meeting.

I would like to thank all the committee members for their continual hard work over the past year as it isn't just at the monthly meetings the work is productive but behind the scenes which keeps our WI well oiled.

Naz has set up a new website which looks very professional and will be continuously worked on so a huge thank you as that is a big commitment in keeping us in the social network.

Sue has continuously organised our speakers with emails, phone calls as main point of contact- as well as keeping our Facebook page up to date too - thank you.

Gill pulling us altogether with our committee meetings, Penny dealing with all the money side of things and Tina keeping our members information up to date .Thank you all so much - I certainly couldn't do this job without each one of you and we as a committee couldn't do our jobs without the support of all of you in making Molesey WI a very enjoyable, informative and supportive group of lovely ladies "Thank you each and everyone of you ".

Miranda Ingold  
President  
7th November 2018

Items that were voted on and agreed by our 20 members who attended the AGM were:

The Treasurers report for 2017/18 - attached.

Jonathan Baker from RNLi Teddington received our cheque of £311 and was delighted not only with our contribution but our support throughout the year and the additional 6 throw bags which will be distributed to the riverside establishments in Thames Ditton and Molesey where they will receive training on their use by one of their team.

Those present all agreed to dropping "crafty ladies" in our title as we feel this puts new ladies off visiting us. Officially called "Molesey WI"

Our new charity SOS!SEN which supports children with learning difficulties and their families locally - more written information is available for members to read at their leisure and we will have a visit from the organisers who run the day to day charity at December's meeting.

Miranda Ingold was re - elected as President for another term of office - thank you.

The meeting was then officially closed and Becky demonstrated her amazing biscuits with members taking part.