

Neen Savage WI Annual Report 2022

We were thrilled in June of last year to return to the Parish Hall and resume face to face meetings! Although July and September we were out and about at Stone Cottage Gardens and also had a fascinating talk and drive around Clee Hill and Oretton with Mr Alf Jenkins.

We were also busy in the community - helping Cleobury WI with an Afternoon Tea for the NHS, serving refreshments at the Little Hearts Matter Day at the Pioneer Centre and a very successful cake and produce sale at the Scarecrow Convention, not to mention the prize winning scarecrow!! The funds raised from this allowed us to subsidise membership of the WI for 2022 by £10 per member. In December we took over the running of the Advent Soup Lunches at Cleobury Market Hall, raising £705 for Severn Hospice. We also launched the Children's Clothes Initiative with Cleobury WI, based in the Market Hall in Cleobury, where children's clothes can be donated, swapped or collected by anyone in the community.

Monthly meetings continued from October although our Programme Secretary had to work exceptionally hard as speakers cancelled regularly and we are grateful to those who came at the last minute. We also meet informally locally on the last Thursday of every month for coffee. The January meeting was cancelled due to the high levels of covid but hopefully we can now put all that behind us and look forward to a busy year. Our AGM has moved from November to May to fall in line with the financial and membership year and a new committee was voted in last week. We have an exciting programme of talks, outings and activities planned for this year, as well as a cake stall at the Scarecrow Convention and the Soup lunches again in December. We are all embroidering our names on a tablecloth to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Membership has grown over the last year but we would love to welcome more, especially if you actually live in Neen Savage! You are welcome to come along and try before you buy - who knows you might just enjoy it!! We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm here at the Parish Hall.

Catherine Evans
President