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Minutes of the **101st Annual Council Meeting** held at the Dorking Halls, Dorking on **Monday 18 March 2019**

**Chairman: Jane Randell**

**1. WELCOME** - The meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem accompanied by Maureen Farley at the piano.

The following were warmly welcomed by the Chairman:

On the stage Yvonne Price an NFWI Trustee and one of our guest speakers. The other speakers would be arriving later.

Visitors from Middlesex, West Kent and Berkshire Federations.

Representatives from the new WIs: Battersea, Cranleigh Village and Dorking Larks.

Former Federation Chairmen: Jennifer Older, Sally Dampney, Valerie Arnold, Elizabeth Fisher, Beryl Dunham.

Former Federation Treasurers: Dorothy Moore, Linda Oliver and Anne Newton

Former Federation Secretary; Mrs J Vooght

Representative of the new WI – Camberley Athena  
WI Members.

**2. INTRODUCTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ADVISERS AND OFFICE STAFF** - The chairman introduced members of the Board of Trustees : Judith Broome, Chris Butterfield, Barbara Cavalier, Tina Cox, Carol Gartrell, Toto James, Sheena Landgraf, Angela Poole, Angie Leach, Debbie Playle and Pat Whiffin. Chris Butterfield, Chair of the Membership Committee introduced the WI Advisors Ann Heward, Toto James, Angie Leach, Ann Lillywhite, Angela Poole and Sue Sargent.

**3. ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS** dated 101<sup>st</sup> ACM 2019 - was proposed by Jane Randell, seconded by Judith Broome and carried unanimously by the delegates.

**4. MINUTES OF ACM OF MONDAY 19 MARCH 2018** -The minutes were issued prior to the meeting. Delegates were asked if they agreed that the minutes were a correct record of the meeting. It was proposed by Jane Randell that the minutes were agreed. This was carried unanimously by the delegates. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

**5. THE CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS** - In her address Jane Randell reviewed the work of the federation from 1 November 2017 to 31 October 2018.

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT** – Sheena Landgraf gave her report on the Annual accounts for 2017/2018.

**7. ADOPTION OF AUDITORS AND FINANCIAL ADVISERS** -Sheena Landgraf proposed that the Federation appoint Bennewith to replace Menzies to carry out the examination of the accounts. Chris Butterfield seconded the proposal and the delegates agreed unanimously. Sheena proposed that Cheviot Quilter should continue to be the Federation's financial advisers. This was seconded by Betty Dominy and carried unanimously by the delegates.

**8. ADOPTION OF THE 2018 ANNUAL REVIEW & ACCOUNTS** - This was proposed by Jane Randell, seconded by Carol Gartrell and voted unanimously by the delegates.

**9. FEDERATION NOTICES** -WI Delegates were reminded to collect their pack during the lunch break. The pack included a copy of the chairman's address and the treasurer's report.

**10. GUEST SPEAKER –Yvonne Price** – a members of the NFWI board of Trustees, chairman of the NFWI Membership committee and chairman of the West Sussex Federation. Yvonne gave a talk with the title ‘WI – What’s in it for me’. Members were briefed on how and what you can get out of being a member of the WI if you are willing to make the effort.

**11. GUEST SPEAKER – Rabbi Baroness Julia Neuberger DBE** – who gave a very inspiring talk on ‘Loneliness, the modern plague – and what we could do about it’. Members were encouraged to get involved in a number of things which could help lonely people.

**12. ENTERTAINMENT** – The Surrey Serenaders under the control of their Music Director Ed Sutton and accompanied by Maureen Farley entertained the members to bring the morning session to an end.

**13. AWARD WINNERS AND CERTIFICATES**

Yvonne Price presented the following certificates:

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Certificates** to: Banstead Evening WI, Pebblecombe WI and Tillingbourne Valley WI.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Certificates** to: Chiddingfold WI, Churt WI, Merrow Afternoon WI, Merstham WI and Morden WI.

**SFWI Craft Judges Certificates to:** Muriel Sexton of Mole Valley WI and Sue Woodward from Cheam WI. Susan Lodge, Wendy Marshall, Julie Terry and Isobel Webster all from West Sussex federation.

**Eileen Bowler Trophy** was awarded to Pat Stick a member of Walton-on-Thames WI

**14. GUEST SPEAKER** – Revd. Kate Bottley who gave a very amusing talk about her life.

**15. DENMAN DRAW-** Kate Bottley was invited to draw 9 Denman bursaries for £300 and the winners were:

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| Carol Kitching Burpham Evening  | Carolyn Last Outwood | Janice Turk Barnes               |
| Monica Bowen Ockford/Godalming  | Karen Tack Weybridge | Elizabeth Lediert Horley Evening |
| Margaret Cheney Mayford Evening | Linda Pick Ottershaw | Ann Long Ottershaw Night Owls    |

**16. RAFFLE** – Kate Bottley was invited to draw the **raffle for 10 prizes and** winners were requested to collect their prizes from the raffle table after the meeting. It was reported that the raffle had raised **nearly £900.**

**17. CLOSE OF MEETING** Jane Randell stated that this was her final meeting as Chairman having been in post for three challenging years especially with the Centenary in 2018. She thanked the Trustees for all their help and support over the period of her chairmanship. She then thanked everyone who had worked so hard to organise this meeting, in particular:

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| Chief Steward | Rosemary Stark, Ashtead WI                                                                         |
| Flowers       | Jean Stiff of Churt WI for arranging the flowers                                                   |
|               | The flowers were presented to Rosemary Horton and Lesley Earl who had both retired as WI Advisers. |

Pianist Mrs Maureen Farley

The Events committee who organised the Raffle.

The stall holders

The Staff at the Dorking Halls

The Staff in the office – Diane, Ellen and Jeanie

The Trustees and in particular Angela Poole who coordinates the meeting and Toto James who coordinates the presentations.

All the speakers, guests, and lastly all the members for their continued help and support.

The meeting closed following a rendition of the National Anthem at 3.30 pm