

Report of the Drayton Bassett Women's Institute Year Ending February 2024

We currently have 16 members who have enjoyed monthly meetings with interesting speakers which have included Fostering Services, Crime scenes part 2, Prison Dog Handler, Vintage Clothes collection, Little Acorns, Wet stuff on red stuff, plus our yearly Garden Party hosted by Donna and John at Drayton House.

Members enjoy following a meeting with tea and cake and a social chat.

The Hall has been used regularly by several groups including the Art Club, Sole to Sole, Music practice, Birthday Parties, Sutton Coldfield Choir, Drayton Bassett Parish Council, also of course by our own committee and monthly meetings.

Members have also enjoyed performances at the Assembly Rooms, My Fair Lady and Oliver.

We have also provided a wreath and attended the Remembrance Day Service at St Peter's Church.

A Manor School leaver is presented with a WI trophy each year

We are grateful to Paul Shears an excellent WI husband who does small repairs as required and keeps the grass mown and tidy for us.

The front garden has also been tidied and the old wooden box beds removed, this was at a cost of £500 as we had the gravel raked and where required extra membrane put down, we hope shortly to plant the tubs to provide a little colour at the front of the hall as we would like to support the Best Kept Village Competition. We are aware that a few weeds or seedlings have reappeared in the gravel and will attempt to remove them as soon as we can.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm visitors are welcome as of course are new members and we are busy booking new speakers to keep our programme as varied as possible for the coming year.