

## CREEKSIDE WI MONTHLY REPORT - APRIL 2017

The President welcomed guests Susan Burns, Jane Brierly and Carol Wright.

Birthday Buttonholes were made by Marlene Cassidy whose own landmark birthday was celebrated this month. A special Buttonhole was presented to Linda Sheasby who had recently celebrated her Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Several members had enjoyed the live transmission of Traviata from the Royal Opera House at Cineworld although some members would have preferred a more realistic, traditional setting.

The Bake and Taste at Rookley WI was another enjoyable event as was the Kurling Evening in aid of ACWW. The proceeds of the evening will go towards the project which will provide an income for the women in a part of India by enabling them to preserve fish to sell when the season is over. Thanks were given to Jenny Gaches and helpers who yet again provided an excellent supper.

We were sorry to hear that the tree planted in the grounds of Osborne House to commemorate the WI's Centenarian year has had to be replaced.

The Best Bloom competition was won by Maureen Turner with runners-up Sylvia Burrows and Wendy Mitchell.

The Speaker –related competition was won by Susan Phillips with runner-up Sylvia Burrows.

Hannah King gave a very informative talk about the Food Bank which was started on the Island in 2004 and now has 6 outlets and a warehouse in Newport. With around 200 volunteers and food provided by supermarkets, churches, WIs, schools, groups and individuals, vouchers are given to those who are experiencing a crisis in their lives.

A very pleasant afternoon to celebrate Easter was held on Friday 21 April with a Quiz, Treasure Hunt and competition to pin the tail on the Easter Bunny. The Committee arranged a splendid variety of sandwiches and cakes on tables decorated with spring flowers and Easter eggs.

The committee provided very appetising sandwiches, cupcakes decorated with eggs and miniature Simnel cakes