

## Creekside WI

### Monthly Report - October 2017

The October meeting was very busy with seven visitors attending. The meeting took place on 11 October which was exactly 50 years to the day since the first meeting of Creekside WI.

The occasion was particularly special as President Dorothy Maskell was able to present a certificate marking 50 years of membership to current and founder member Mona Williams who was present at that first meeting in 1967. Pat Kendall who is also a current and founder member will receive her 50 years certificate too but unfortunately she was unable to attend the meeting. Carol de Neuville received her 10 years membership certificate.

A birthday card from Chris Tipple was read out and everyone sang 'Happy Birthday' to us! Members were looking forward to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration lunch to be held at the Lakeside Hotel on 13 October at which two other founder members, Mavis Willis and Olive Lailey, would be guests.

Creekside is twinning with Navan WI in Canada and members were given an update on how this is progressing.

Some members attended the Northshore Group talk on 'All around the gallopers' which was interesting and informative.

Advance notice was given of various Christmas activities including participation in the Brighstone Christmas Tree Festival. Members are asked to bring gold decorations to the next meeting for a tree in celebration of 50 years of Creekside.

Nominations for next year's committee were made during the tea break.

The speaker this month was Christine Broom who gave a fascinating insight into the complex world of pigeon racing. She explained how birds are reared, how modern technology has been introduced to the sport and the crucial role the birds performed in two world wars. Three well behaved birds then joined the meeting. Ros Eavis gave the vote of thanks.

The best bloom winner was Maureen Turner and the competition for an item reflecting an interest of the Queen was won by Dorothy Maskell.