

Elvaston WI

Our meeting on October 10th was our AGM. Reports from our President, Secretary and Treasurer were read and accepted. We had one resignation from Iris Campbell. Iris has done lots of work for the WI in various positions on the committee. She will be much missed and was given heartfelt thanks. Luckily Joy has agreed to join our committee.

Joy gave a detailed and entertaining report of the Federation Autumn Council Meeting at the Assembly Rooms on 1st October. Iris had won a 'Denman Dip'.

Members were shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden death of Yvonne. Yvonne was a joint member with Alvaston and will be greatly missed by both Institutes.

Afterwards we took part in a 'reverse raffle' This caused much hilarity and some nice prizes were won. We then enjoyed refreshments provided by the committee.

Only a few members braved the walk round Elvaston Castle on September 19th due to the bad weather but we enjoyed our visit to the new Sensory Garden. We then met up with other members for delicious cream teas in the Castle Tearooms.

Two members joined a group visiting St Mary's Chapel on the Bridge on September 23rd. We were given a tour and an informative talk about the Chapel's history. The evening concluded with wine and nibbles.

The Group Meeting is at St Hugh's church hall, Borrowash on October 23rd and is entitled 'A Walk on the Wild Side'

The walking group meet on Tuesday October 29th at 10.30. The route chosen will depend on the weather.

Our Christmas Dinner will be on December 5th at the Harrington.

Our next meeting will be on November 14th when will hear about the 'World of the Air Ambulance' from Kevin and Becky Millhouse. This will be a very interesting topic and we would be pleased to welcome potential new members.