

Our membership year now runs from April to the end March as all WI members were given a three-month grace period for renewal to help those struggling in the pandemic. We remain one of the largest institutes in Shropshire with a fluid and stable 52 members, including seven that have joined us this year.

Due to continuing Covid restrictions our meetings this year began on Zoom, then as the weather improved in small groups outdoors. We finally returned to the Village Hall in September. The easing of some restrictions then meant we could all join together for our centenary and enjoy a cake which was shared with village residents at one of our 'pop up' stalls in the Punch Bowl grounds. The safety of our members is still a priority and we continue to follow all government guidelines.

We have reinstated most of our subgroups, these include sewing, theatre trips and meals out. Slowly the WI is returning to our 'normal' offering members so much more than a monthly meeting.

We have recently held a village quiz which proved a successful evening, enjoyed by the whole community.

Members have a busy year to look forward to, with many activities and trips planned. Ranging from country house visits, making items for craft fairs and even a summer camp. Camping is becoming popular in the WI and West Felton members are part of the organising committee for Shropshire Federation's 'Salopian Sleepover' in Much Wenlock this year.

As custodians of Litter pick equipment we have put it to use several times around the village and have loaned it to the Brownies and individuals.

We would like to thank the council for awarding us a grant to plant a tree as the final part of our centenary celebration. As soon as Balfour's solicitors confirm the location on the playing field we will move ahead with this project.

Sincerely

Gillian Sturgess

President