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21-Jan-19

Dear Sir,

As requested in the grant applications please find attached rent invoices (excluding August) and the annual report from New Manor WI. The financial year for New Manor starts in October and runs through to the following September, hence the period covered by the report.

As your grant covers the period from January to December please also note the following details. New Manor meet most months at MK Christian Foundation, we have no formal meeting in August.

The grant would cover the monthly rent for the hire of premises at the MK Christian Foundation. The grant has also enabled us to start 2019 with sufficient funds to be confident of covering our costs for the coming year.

This year we have done the following at our Monthly Meetings: -

January - Two of our members spoke about the personal benefits of going to the WI National Annual Meeting and also on a lesser scale to the WI Buckinghamshire Annual Council Meeting. They spoke about how interesting and educational these meetings were and that, if you attended as the delegate for your WI, then you attend at no personal cost.

February - A fund raising Beetle Drive was held, it was well attended by our members, ex members, members from other local WI's and potential new members. Following this meeting we gained 2 new members, one of which has gone on to become a committee member and treasurer this year.

March - David Squibb showed slides and spoke about Malta a most interesting island.

April - Malcolm North came and talked about the History of a Concertina, explaining about the development of the instrument and the specific history of one particular concertina.

May - Multiple Resolutions are put forward by individual WI Members each year. These go through a short-listing process and the resulting 5 or 6 are initially discussed and voted on in January. Further in depth discussions and voting follow in May before a final selection of 1 or 2 resolutions is made to go forward to the WI National Annual Meeting in June. If resolutions are accepted at the Annual Meeting they become mandates and nationally, the WI works on getting action on them. Well known past Resolutions/Mandates include "Keep Britain Tidy" from the 1960's, "More Midwives" and "Save the Honey Bee" from the early 2000's

June - We decided that as we meet at The MK Christian Foundation we should know more about their activities, why they existed etc. Stephen Norrish came and talked to us about how the Christian Foundation was formed, the many and various roles that they fulfil while helping young people within the local community.

July - The Lewis Foundation is a small local charity founded in Northampton that aims to bring comforts to Cancer patients. Initially working in only 1 hospital (Northampton) in less than 2 years their work has spread to cover 6 hospitals. Lorraine Lewis told us about founding

the charity while her mother-in-law was in hospital with Cancer. They deliver tailored gift bags every week to all cancer patients in the hospitals covered. These gift bags contain a wide-ranging selection of items tailored to the wants of the individual, comprising male or female toiletries, puzzle books, sweets, magazines etc.

August - August is our Members, organised by one of the membership and not part of the published programme of events. We went to Broughton, stopping first for lunch at the local Hungry Horse Restaurant and following that with a visit to Broughton Village Church where we saw the 14thC wall paintings. Church members explained the significance of them to us and the ladies of the church later provided us with tea and biscuits. The WI Made a donation to the church funds equivalent to our normal rent payment and individual members donated monies as well.

September - SSAFA talked to us about their role in helping ex-servicemen and women and their families. The role is often an advisory one directing people to the correct place to find practical help.

October - Dave Sivers a local Author from the Aylesbury Vale talked about his journey from civil servant to published author of 4 detective books

November - Our Annual Meeting when a new committee and officers are elected.

December - Our Christmas Party, A faith delicious supper followed by a visit from Santa delivering secret Santa gifts and community singing of Christmas Songs. Members did not exchange Christmas Cards this year, instead a collection was held with the proceeds being donated to MK Christian Foundation.

In addition to the monthly meetings we have tried to hold a more social events most months, these include both lunch and evening meals at the Ship Ashore and the Fountain, Lunch at the Camphill Community followed by a visit to the tree Cathedral and afternoon tea at the Inn on the Lake with a walk around Beacon Lake.

During the lead up to the Remembrance Day Commemorations New Manor WI helped with the knitting of Poppies for Wolverton & Greenleys display in the square, knitting over 250 poppies and selling the handmade poppies at our October meeting.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

Janet Spindler
President
New Manor WI, Old Wolverton.

