

## WINCLE WI REPORT MAY 3<sup>rd</sup>

Suzanne welcomed everyone to the meeting, including guest Doreen Dean from our neighbouring WI. An update was given on our replacement WI tablecloth, following the mystery of the previous tablecloth going missing over 2 years ago. We will definitely have a new one in time for our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in September. Angela Burns is stepping down as our Cloud rep, after many years (nobody knew how many – but a very long time!!), and was presented with a plant as a gesture of our appreciation for all the work she has done over the many years. Gill Dinnis has kindly stepped forward to take over this role. A vote was taken on this year's Resolution (raising awareness of ADHD in females) to go to the Sutton WI rep attending the AGM in June.

7 of us went along to the Cloud Meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> and enjoyed a highly entertaining evening with speaker Tricia Stewart from the original 'Calendar Girls'. Her story of the Yorkshire WI which became famous worldwide was hilarious, but it was also quite an insight into how fame had affected the lives of these ladies in many different ways.

Our members were then introduced to Ted Mellor from Blood Bikes (SSCBB). He explained that the Blood Bikes organisation is staffed by volunteers who provide a free, urgent delivery service to hospitals and hospices in Staffordshire, Cheshire and Shropshire with 45 hospitals covered. The riders deliver items such as blood samples, blood and platelets, bone marrow, donated breast milk, faecal matter, equipment and urgent medical documents –all free of charge to the NHS. The area covers 6500 square kilometres. There are 370 volunteers of which 181 are riders and 43 are controllers (working from home). They completed 5663 jobs in 2021 and rode 296,889 miles in doing so. A bike has been purchased with money raised from the team giving talks to many WI's in the 3 counties - it was named Denman in recognition of the amount raised by the many WI's.

Volunteers are always welcome, and for more information please go to [info@ssbbgroup.org.uk](mailto:info@ssbbgroup.org.uk)

Future WI events:

June 7<sup>th</sup> - A Craft evening with Christine Heath

July 5<sup>th</sup> - A local walk around Sutton, with refreshments at Sutton & Co café

August 2<sup>nd</sup> – A visit to Eyam with a talk from 'Wild in the Country'

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