

ADDINGTONS LADIES GROUP

AGM – Tuesday 12th January 2016

President's Report

I hope you all had a good Christmas and the New Year and are looking forward to what the Ladies Group has lined up for 2016. I would like to say a big thank you to Maureen for the amount of time and effort she puts into finding us such interesting and varied speakers.

Can I also say that this is **your** Ladies Group so any suggestions for speakers or outings you may have would be very welcome as it is not always easy to come up with new ideas.

Membership

In 2015 we were very pleased to welcome several new members and by the end of the year our membership stood at 32. However, we definitely have room for more so if you know of any friends or neighbours who might be interested, please bring them along.

Subscription for 2016

As we have a healthy bank balance we have been able to keep the Annual Subscription at £20.00 for 2016.

Raffle Profit - 2015

The total Raffle profit for 2015 was £142.00 (£100.00 of which the Committee have decided to donate to local charity SERVE).

Election of Committee (present incumbents in brackets)

We currently have 5 Committee members in the following roles:-

President	(Beryl Shawyer)	willing to continue as President
Treasurer	(Rosemary Allaway)	willing to continue as Treasurer
Secretary	(Vacant)	
Speaker Secretary	(Maureen Keech)	willing to continue as Speaker Secretary
Committee member (Raffle)	(Jill Bunning)	willing to continue as Committee member
Committee member (T&C Rota)	(Jenny Thornton)	willing to continue as Committee member

Terms served by current Committee Members

Beryl - 7 yrs Maureen – 4 yrs Jill – 3 yrs Rosemary – 1 yr Jenny Thornton -

Vacancy - Secretary (which I have been covering for the past 2 years)

Rosemary, Maureen and Jill are willing to continue in their present roles as **Treasurer, Speaker Secretary** and **Raffle organiser**, respectively, and I thank them all for their continuing help and support.

Jenny Thornton has offered to join the Committee and will be taking over the Tea/Coffee & VOT Rota I am willing to continue as **President** for the coming year, but would be equally happy if someone else would like to take over.

If none of the members feel able to relieve us of our duties and there are no objections:-

the Committee Members from January 2016 will be:-

President – Beryl	Speaker Secretary – Maureen
Secretary – vacant	Treasurer – Rosemary
Raffle – Jill	Tea/Coffee Rota + Vote of Thanks – Jenny

And finally, another special thank you to Brian Willoughby for once again printing the Annual

Programmes.

Beryl Shawyer - President

12th January 2016

Secretary's Report for 2015

In 2015 we had a varied and interesting programme and this is just a brief reminder.

In January, following the AGM, we had a Quiz, devised by Maureen, which was great fun and gave members a chance to socialise and get to know each other. The wine flowed and a good time was had by all.

In February we enjoyed a very amusing evening's entertainment provided by Pru Goss who performed a selection of monologues, poems and anecdotes which brought much laughter and cheer to a cold winter's evening.

Our March speaker was Ray Woods who shared with us his enthusiasm and knowledge of antiques.

In April we were entertained by Alan Gray who regaled us with many interesting and amusing stories from his 30 year career as a Wimbledon Line Judge, including the highlights and also the challenges of the job.

In May, Steve Purcell gave a talk about The Lloyds of Corby. Although the story was interesting, it was sometimes difficult to follow due to the fact that he overloaded us with lots of dates and most of the male members of the Lloyds family had the same christian name, which was confusing.

In June, 23 of us met at Kimbolton Castle for a guided walk around the village. Our guides were a local husband and wife team who split us into two groups with each group setting off in a different direction. Despite the cold and wind, we all agreed it was a very interesting walk, showing us parts of the village not normally seen when driving through. After the walk, we were pleased to warm up in the New Sun Inn where we all enjoyed an excellent supper.

In July we ventured out again, this time to The Buddhist Centre at Kelmash. About 30 of us, including friends and relatives, met at 7pm for an introductory talk on meditation, given by one of the resident Buddhist monks. Following the talk and a question and answer session we adjourned to the cafe for refreshments.

In September we enjoyed another fun-packed evening when Polly Feely entertained us with Music & Memories of a 1950 childhood. There was much laughter and participation when Polly interspersed her reminiscences by playing songs from the 1950's and asked us to name the year and the singer.

In October we had a Members Evening and played Bag Whist. The Committee were delighted that so many members came to support us, for what was a very enjoyable evening. It was another opportunity to chat and get to know each other and everyone had such a good time that it was after 10pm when we finally vacated the Hall.

Our November speaker was jewellery valuer, Jackie Sanders, who explained the different types of pearls and talked us through the various processes of how pearls are formed. Several members brought pearls with them which Jackie was happy to give valuations for.

Our Christmas Party in December took place at The Courtyard, Stanwick where the company and excellent food made for a very enjoyable evening.