A meeting of Kenn Women’s Institute held on Wednesday 8th January, 2025 at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall, Kenn

There were eighteen members present on a very cold afternoon. Mary Ashton, President, led the meeting.

Apologies were received from Marlene Arney, Edna Baber, Mary Bessant, Shirley Bessant, Rose Bishton, Pat Brooks, Iris Callow, Jane Carter, Mary Hewitt, Chris Honor, Rose Hockerday, Joyce Jeffrey, Jill Lewis, Betty Loveridge, Diane Woolf, Rose Wootten

It was reported that Iris Callow had had her 90th Birthday and Joyce Jeffery will be celebrating hers soon. Rose Hockerday is very unwell in hospital.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting which had already been circulated were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Marion Hulance, Treasurer, reported a net credit balance of £2,604.

Thanks to Rose Bishton the Committee will now meet at the Hawthorns in Clevedon at no cost to the W.I.

A budget has been prepared which supports a reduction in the W.I. share of the 2025 – 26 subscriptions of £12, meaning members will pay £39 which will be collected at the March meeting.

Due to the problems in obtaining details re Clevedon Pride, the monies raised at the Coffee Morning will now go towards buying and maintaining a trough for flowers outside the Village Hall. General maintenance could be done on meeting days and members who live in the village could do any watering when passing by.

**Resolutions:** The four resolutions of which one will be chosen proposed for the Annual Meeting of the N.F.W.I. were discussed and voted upon. The results will be sent to A.F.W.I. They were: Let’s talk about Incontinence (2 votes) , Join the repair revolution (1 vote), Eliminate medical packaging from landfill sites (O votes), bystanders can be lifesavers (15 votes)

**W.I. Activities.**

**AFWI:** Members are invited to make a Post Box Topper to be placed on the Post Box on the Village Green. It will commemorate the 50th anniversary of A.F.W.I. Working party to be arranged. Suggested, a dummy run by making something for Easter. These to be judged at AFWI’s Annual Meeting in September.

**Group Matters:** There will be a Group Committee meeting on 20th January where the future of Groups will be discussed.

Review of Events: Kenn W.I.

Wreath Making

This had been a great success. Event to be held again this year. Sarah Lewis has agreed and date to be confirmed.

December Meeting:

Enjoyed by all. Due to the volume of presents they were laid out on tables. Decided that for 2025 presents will be numbered and members will draw a ticket. This will make it more of an Event.

AFWI: Carol Service: The Carol Service in St. Johns Church in Clevedon had been very enjoyable and well run. Mary Ashton has sent a congratulatory email of thanks to the Federation which has been acknowledged.

Future Events:

Walk Wednesday 22nd January at 10.30

Jenny Croxton has arranged this, starting from the Salthouse Car Park, going along the Front to the Pier.

Rene Memorial Wednesday 29th January at 2p.m.

For those members and villagers who had been unable to attend Irene Stowell’s funeral there will be a memorial at her graveside. This will be followed by tea in the Church. Members were asked to bring any photographs they may have. The scrapbooks will be available

Village Market Saturday 8th February

In an endeavour to get local people interested in what the W.I. does, it is proposed to have a small table with some form of advertising material. Mary Ashton and Marion Hulance to man the first table.

W.I. Lunch Failand Inn 19th February at 12.30

Sylvia Genge has arranged this. Due to the reduced numbers at the meeting, the list will be put out at the next meeting for members to sign up.

Car Boot Sale Saturday 17th May

This has been provisionally booked. John Ball to advise how many cars the field could take. More details to follow.

Flower Demonstration Evening Wednesday 26th November

Hall and demonstrator (Jo Cheek) have been booked. This is to be an afternoon event.

Xmas Star Raiser

The idea is for people to remember a loved one by donating a handmade star to go on the Village Hall Christmas Tree or on a banner round the hall. The stars will be made by W.I. members and a craft afternoon will be arranged so members can learn how to make origami stars

**Hostesses:** Rose Jeffrey said the she and Joyce wished to cease being hostesses for the speakers. It will be discussed at the next Committee Meeting.

At the next meeting on 12th February which will begin at 2p.m., Delyse Taylor will speak on the Chilli Charity.

The meeting closed at 4 p.m.