A meeting of Kenn Women’s Institute held on Wednesday 12th February, 2025 at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall, Kenn

It was a full house at the February meeting and several new members were welcomed. Mary Ashton, President, led the meeting. Member, Rose Hockerday, has recently died. Her funeral will take place at All Saints Church in Clevedon on Wednesday 8th March at 12.30. Members had gathered in Kenn Church to remember Irene Stowell who had been a member for many years. A poem about the W.I. was read and the scrapbooks were available. There had been a stall at the Village Market advertising the W.I. and this would continue with seasonal offerings. Mary asked for volunteers to make coverings for crème eggs before the Easter market.

Apologies were received from Rose Bishton, Iris Callow, Felicity James, Jill Lewis Betty Loveridge, Alison Soars

Joyce Jeffery thanked members for the cards and good wishes following her operation.

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

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Marion Hulance, Treasurer, reported a credit balance of £2652.33. There will be a reduction to subscriptions of £12, meaning members will pay £39 which will be collected at the March meeting. A £60 donation was given to the speaker from Chilli Charity, in addition to their fee of £40, from the charitable monies that are in hand.

The speaker was Delyse Taylor with her helper, Jack, from Uncle Paul’s Chilli Charity which helps people who find life challenging. It was a most uplifting talk. Delyse did a brisk trade with the chilli jams and sauces that she had brought.

**W.I. Activities.**

**N.F.W.I.** Members were asked if there was anyone who would like to appear on Mastermind.

**A.F.W.I.** The first match in the Skittles Tournament is due to be played. Kenn is to play in the first round at the Ring of Bells in Nailsea on Thursday 27th February. Margaret Burdge has a team and some reserves.

There were notices for Willow Weaving and a holiday in Malta.

**Group Matters:** A Zoom meeting on the future of Groups has been arranged between Lorna Tarr (AFWI Chairman) and the Group Secretaries. The next Group Meeting to be held in Tickenham Village Hall onWednesday 30th April. Names will be taken at the next meeting.

**Review of Events: Kenn W.I.**

Wreath Making: There will be a Christmas wreath making morning on December 2nd 10a.m. till 12p.m.

Walk : Thursday 6th March at 10.30 to meet at the Salthouse Car Park to walk around Poets Walk.

Coffee Mornings will be be undertaken in May and November at the Village Market and in the Parish Room. Mary Ashton has ordered some Charity buckets for the money. Marlene Arney and Chris Honor are doing a Coffee Morning in the Parish Room on March 22nd in aid of Weston Hospice.

Names were taken by Sylvia Genge for a W.I. Lunch at the Failand Inn 19th February at 12.30

Car Boot Sale Saturday 17th May. 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.

Members were asked if they had any ideas for a Summer Outing. Ideas so far include the Donkey Sanctuary at Sidmouth

Mary Ashton has started a post box topper which will be used for Easter. This is a dummy run for our AFWI entry to be taken to the Annual Meeting in September.

**Hostesses:** Rose and Joyce Jeffrey were thanked for all the years that they had been hostesses to the speakers. Rose Bishton and Mary Hewett will be the new hostesses.

**Secretaries:** Jane Clark and Jenny Croxton have reviewed the Secretary role as a job share and feel it should be one person’s job. Neither has the capacity or the time to fill this this role at present. The meeting was asked if there were any volunteers to be Secretary.

At the next meeting on 12th March which will begin at 2.30p.m., the speaker will be Keri Johnson, a colour therapist

The meeting closed at 4 p.m.