

## ORGANISATION & MEMBERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2017

12 members of the Organisation & Membership Sub-Committee met on 8 occasions. Cath Stone of Frodsham WI, Vivien Lee of Woodford WI and Pat Sharp of Whitley WI all qualified as WI Advisers this year and our congratulations and very best wishes go to them. All Advisers work on a voluntary basis and everyone worked extremely hard in a very fast-paced and busy year. Sadly, Liz Robertson of The Heatons could not continue her training due to ill health. She will be very much missed by us all but is continuing her sterling work at The Heatons. I am pleased to say we had another two ladies – Susan Leicester of Middle Wyches WI and Helen Ebbitt of Norley WI – who have observed at our meetings this year and have both been accepted for training in 2018.

We send congratulations to those Institutes who were newly-formed this year – Bee Moor (Sale) WI, High Lane Village WI, Rolling Scones WI (Marple) and Sandbach Sunflowers WI. Congratulations, we extend our very best wishes to you all for a happy and successful future.

Sadly, it has been necessary to suspend some WIs this year – Weaverham WI, Church Minshull WI, Sutton Weaver & District WI, Brereton WI and Wybunbury WI. We thank all the ladies for their hard work over very many years and look forward to seeing them at other WI meetings in their area.

Advisers have also worked hard in many other capacities throughout the Federation – attending many of the seven Forum meetings held throughout the County at the commencement of 2017; both meetings held at Winsford and the Cheshire Show – and have always been on hand to lend assistance at various other Federation events.

New Treasurers were encouraged to join one of our yearly workshops. It is extremely important that Treasurers attend, to gain benefit in their new role and especially to keep up-to-date on new legislation. New Presidents and Secretaries were also offered help and guidance by WI Advisers in their respective Groups.

New Members were invited to join us at one of our day time or evening meetings held at WI House this year. Both meetings were extremely busy and well attended.

We are always on the lookout for new WI Advisers, so if you feel this is a service you can perform, please contact the office in Chester for further information.

I conclude by thanking all WIAs for their uncomplaining, untiring hard work and support this year. Again, it has been quite challenging but very exciting. Please telephone the WI Adviser attached to your Group if we can offer our assistance on Constitutional matters.

Selina Prescott, Chairman