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It was interesting to hear how many members would not want to be anywhere but here and the general view was that, all things considered, we had lived during the best of times.

The Women's League Service held as usual in early June was led by our Branch President, Anne Watts and was dedicated to the victims of recent acts of terrorism in Manchester and London and those of the families of the Grenfell Tower fire in Kensington. Several League members took part in the well-attended service.

We still have a couple of weeks ahead before our August break and our programme will include a garden centre outing, speakers, a quiz, Desert Island choices and lunch at a favourite hotel. So, we continue to fly the flag and hope everyone can enjoy a peaceful, happy, sunny (but cooler) summer.

Lis Dyson-Jones

DEAN ROW

On May 21st Dean Row Chapel, Wilmslow held a "Christian Aid Big Breakfast" before the Morning Service. If you imagine the best Continental Breakfast in a five-star hotel, you will be exactly right. Nearly forty members sat down to a selection of cereals, fresh fruit salad, yoghurt, meats, tomatoes, ham, hard boiled eggs, croissants, a crusty loaf, cheese, jams, marmalades, cakes, fruit juices, coffee and tea all prepared by members of the Women's League, Anne Gemmell, Mary Harrison, Dorothy Salthouse and other helpers.

Festive bunting adorned the hall, giving it a cheerful, celebratory feel. Dean Row Chapel member, Christian Aid Organiser Peter Weigh, had encouraged members of the congregation to participate in the Christian Aid Week "Door to Door Collection" in Wilmslow.



Seated at the front in the photo are Anne Gemmell and Dorothy Salthouse (Sec. and Treasurer of the WL)

The total sum raised by members of Dean Row Chapel for the Charity, including £400 in donations towards the Big Breakfast, was £1,252.

Penny Johnson

GREYABBEY WOMEN'S LEAGUE

I have found a letter from Eunice Begg from Ayelesbury to Ballycarry branch on their 30th Anniversary. She was originally the President of Ballycarry Women's League.

In it she mentioned that a Hymn had been written for the Women's League and gave details of the 3rd verse, which is printed below.

HYMN

Thankful for those who served before
Whose faithful service shall not cease
May we take up the torch they bore
Strong in God's strength, His power, His peace.

I was wondering if by any chance you would know where I could get the full hymn details.

Any Ideas?

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Carole McAvoy

ULLET ROAD

Ullet Road branch had a very interesting first half year. We were visited by the National President in March. This annual visit by the current National President is an essential in our calendar. New members learn that Branches are part of something more important and historic than each branch alone.

In April, a representative of the Dogs Trust, Amy, gave us a power-point presentation about their work. She brought Freda with her, a Staffordshire cross who went around making friends with each member in turn.

In May, our own Ann Jones, one of the Blue Badge guides for Liverpool and Merseyside gave us a talk on Liverpool libraries and the beginning of formal education for women.

We are lucky in Ann as she has a wealth of knowledge about many subjects, and is a very interesting speaker.

In June, we were invited to visit a village in Cheshire where Sylvia Spencer, District Secretary, lives, Tarvin. Two cars set off the drivers being Wyn Harding and Jaki Giff. Both cars had to go through the Mersey Tunnel. The cars made their way down the teapot spout of the Wirral until they could turn south towards Chester, through the lovely Cheshire lanes to finally reach their destination.

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