

Keeping in touch Reflection from Christine Pidcock May 2020

Jackie has asked me to write a piece on the Ladies Fellowship. While thinking about this I came across an exercise book in which my mother, Peggy Sadler, had written an account of the Committee meetings between 1991 and 1998, when I presume she was secretary. I note that the title on the book is "Church Fellowship" which is what we are proposing to change our name to because we do have some gentlemen who come to our meetings. We are always happy to welcome everybody whatever their gender! I think the Fellowship grew out of the Wives' Circle which I remember being in existence in 1950s. It may have been called the "Young Wives" at first. At one point it was suggested that they merged with the Mother's Union, an idea that was rejected. Possibly because some of the members were not mothers and possibly not wives either.

In many ways members of the group have continued to follow the original type of social programme together with quietly fulfilling many of the jobs in church like cleaning the brass, doing refreshments etc.

The following is a report of our year 2019/ 2020:

So, going back to May 2019, we had a trip to Gorton Monastery by Mini bus and in June the strawberry tea. After our Summer break we restarted in September when we had our usual visit to the Garrick and saw "Towards Zero" by Agatha Christie. In October we organised Terry 's organ recital which is always a delight, raising money for the church with donations. October meeting was cancelled as the heating was not working and we didn't want to freeze. Fortunately the proposed talk on hedgehogs was postponed until February and very well attended then. Everyone was very generous with their donations so hopefully many little animals have been helped . In between times we had our Christmas lunch in church which was as enjoyable as ever, if a little cold , and in January we met at Bramley Farm for a meal.

Then it all stopped!

Hopefully all will soon start again. We have lots of ideas for a new programme, and would like everyone to join us. The subscription is still only £10 a year which includes a Christmas lunch and a Summer tea party for members only; the other meetings are usually open to non members .

Keep safe and hope to see you all again soon.

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