

President speech Thursday 4th May 2023

Good evening ladies and gentlemen

I can't believe how quickly the last year has gone.  
When I took on the presidency role, I must admit I was very concerned how I would manage to fill the shoes of the previous president. In my eyes she was a perfect role model and also the presidents before Brenda Too.

The committee this year has jelled so well together and supported me amazingly in my new role. Nothing is too much trouble which has made so proud of all of them.

My secretary for example has been living out of a suitcase for nearly 3 months and still manages to carry on her terrific secretarial duties. The challenge of living in a couple of rooms must have been extremely stressful and I'm so pleased that Suzanne is now in rented property.

We have enjoyed some great events and speakers over the year. Our garden meeting was at Barbara's where we enjoyed her lovely garden with scones, tea and strawberries

We also had a great talk by Alison Lambert on sleep which I heard great feedback on from many members

The high group meeting held at Horringer was brilliant to have 14 Cockfield members who wanted to attend.

The ukulele band in December was great fun and I won't forget Trudie singing along and the dancing.

March with our birthday month we had Charles Garland entertain us at our open meeting. Brenda made a wonderful cake and it was great to see Joyce cut it.

I hope this year will be as much fun and we can continue to grow as a WI. This year we had 42 members.

Thank you to my deputy and Jackie for their dedication in making the soup lunch and spring jackets so beneficial to Cockfield village

Thank you to everyone for your support

Michelle Callinan  
Cockfield WI President