

Derbyshire Federation of Women's Institutes
Annual Council Meeting at the Winding Wheel, 5 March 2023
Report by Baslow WI delegate, Janette Loble



Starting with a rousing rendition of Jerusalem, Ann Bellamy, retiring as Chair informed us about the DFWI Report. We heard about federation, plans as well as upcoming events and we were treated to 4 great speakers.

Theresa Peltier:

The First Black High Sheriff of Derbyshire. Theresa looked stunning in her High Sheriff's uniform. She talked passionately about a year in her role and the 4 charity's she has supported this year, read more here.

[The Present High Sheriff – High Sheriff of Derbyshire \(derbyshirehighsheriff.co.uk\)](http://derbyshirehighsheriff.co.uk)

Laura Campbell:

A young Scoliosis sufferer (curvature of the spine). Laura talked matter of factly about her cruel condition with passion and determination Have a look on her Facebook page. More information on the condition below.

[Home - Scoliosis Support & Research \(ssr.org.uk\)](http://ssr.org.uk)

Mike Palmer:

Mike gave a thought-provoking beautiful account of how he and two other dads met up to walk for their daughters who had committed suicide. [3 Dads Walking](#)

At lunch we were treated to fabulous shopping stalls but also stalls from the DFWI teams showcasing what DFWI has to offer

The afternoon session trophies were presented, bursaries, raffle winners and anniversaries announced.

Betty and Jill were given flowers and thanks for their time with catering team over the years. Our very own Darling, Karen Laird, WON the Craft competition with her Felted Mushroom. Congrats from all of us at Baslow WI. Cup to follow.

Our afternoon Speaker Astronomer, Tom Kerss.

Star gazing, we all like doing this. Tom was very easy to listen to as he took us though our night sky to the Sun.

[Tom Kerss // Astronomer | Author | Speaker | Consultant](#)

We said goodbye to our outgoing Board of Trustees and welcomed our incoming board members: Ruth Davison. League of Ladies WI
Sue Murgatroyd Ambergate WI plus two others

We sang God save the King to end the day. What a good day it was thanks to all who helped make it possible.

Janette