

**SWI Jackton AGM: 2 pm Monday 12 May 2025, Carswell Centre**

Our meetings in 2024-2025 were well attended and started in May with our summer coach outing to Boswell Coach House for morning coffee, Dumfries House during the day and an evening meal at the Royal Hotel, Cumnock.

In the summer shows, we were 2<sup>nd</sup> at Chapelton and 4<sup>th</sup> at Strathaven in the community event.

In September Richard Paton, a volunteer for the RNLI, gave us a slide show and talk which informed us that not only do the volunteers save lives at sea and inland waters but also design and build their own rescue vessels in the UK.

Our October speakers called off so Janne Farnham and Anne helped members make lavender pin cushions.

In October Claire organised a much enjoyed visit and tour of the Willow Tea Rooms in Sauchiehall Street.

In November we had a super panel night with 4 guest speakers and enjoyed lots of laughs.

After being evicted from Stewartfield Community Hall, Jackton found a new venue for meetings in the Carswell Centre, Eaglesham.

Jackton's 78<sup>th</sup> Birthday party was attended by members and friends with a meal at Parklands and Margaret Carruth cut the cake. I can't wait to find out where we are going this year.

Marshall Harkness and Willie Barrie kicked off our New Year in January with singalongs and homespun entertainment.

We had Seated Pilates with Alison Paton teaching in February and this taster has led to a weekly Seated Pilates class in Eaglesham each Friday.

On 5 March, Jackton ladies enjoyed a meal at Once Upon a Table before the wonderful Eros production of 'Sunshine on Leith' in East Kilbride's Village Theatre.

At our March meeting Nan Steele told us the story of The Last Czarina.

In April Winnie Kerr led us through her love of painting and had on display a number of her watercolours and paintings in other mediums as well as her artwork printed onto fabric and produced as cards and calendars.

In a break with tradition, our Bring and Buy Sale is this afternoon.

On 3 May Jackton ladies contributed to lifting 2 trophies at Neilston Agricultural Show being beaten for the Rural cup by the narrow margin of just 4 points.

Throughout our meetings, members supported our monthly competitions, delivered votes of thanks as well as serving as hostesses.

We've had ladies judging throughout the year at various shows.