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Message from the National President

One of the many joys of the National President role is having the opportunity to meet members from around the country. A couple of weeks ago I went up to see the ladies of Altrincham Section and stayed overnight with their lovely secretary, Mary. Experiencing the camaraderie between the members and the happiness that is apparent when members get together never fails to move me.

However, if I had a pound for every member who tells me they're all getting old, I would be rich by now! It's great to attract in younger members, but we need to celebrate the fact that, whatever age we are, we are better off together than on our own. It really doesn't matter what our average age is, if we're still having fun in each other's company.

We're going to be launching a recruitment drive soon and ladies of all ages will be most welcome. Some Sections will have a younger profile than others, but we'll all share the same core values and enjoy our spiritual, charity, social and learning activities.

Please send in your capitation fees if you haven't already done so. We really do value your membership!

Siobhan

Message from the National Treasurer

Ladies, thank you to the many Sections that have already sent in their capitations for this year. A reminder, please, for those Sections still to send £21.00 per member.

Thank you. Happy Easter!



Lymington Section
supporting
Stella Maris





Dates for your diary

- **Fr Marcin's zoom Meeting invitation for 1st April at 7pm** . The invitation link is in the email accompanying this newsletter
- For Plymouth Diocese members - **Pact Roadshow** in Newton Abbot, Devon on 22nd April
- **Summer Event in Birmingham**
Saturday 10th June

Please let National Secretary know how many of the Section will be attending and include payment of £15 per head

- **CWL Magazine**
Summer Edition June 2023
Please send articles to National Secretary for inclusion by 31st May
- **CWL/Pact Stations of The Cross**
Last service is Friday 31st March at 3pm. Zoom invites have been sent to all Sections
- **Cross in my Pocket**
A big *thank you* to all those who are busy – please keep them coming!
- **AGM and Autumn Conference –**

Monday 30th October to Wednesday 1st November 2023

High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, Herts. High Leigh is run by the Christian Conference Trust who manage The Hayes. Same standard of accommodation and food, but a change of scene.

All Sections have booking form but please contact National Secretary if it is hiding somewhere in the Computer.

CROSS IN MY POCKET

The Cross in my Pocket initiative is progressing well. Members have sent in approximately 420 and I have posted out 385 to several Prison Chaplains. The lady in the Post Office was most interested and so I gave her one yesterday. This initiative is really enthusing a lot of people, so hopefully they will keep, on stitching.

Thank you

Margaret von Speyr

