

ANNUAL MEETING 2018

Over 300 members from around the Region braved the wintry weather to attend the Annual Meeting at St Mary's Church, Sandbach on Saturday 17 March.

Aileen Higgs the Region Chair highlighted events that had taken place around the Region during 2017, the accounts were presented and reports adopted. Pat Downer the National Trefoil Chair gave an update of what to expect over the coming months as did Julie Bell the North West England Girlguiding Chief Commissioner.

The guest speaker was Derek Poulson with his talk "It's not what you say it's the way that you say it". He wanted to be an actor from a very early age but this was frowned upon in those days, coming from a Yorkshire mining town. After leaving school he took a job training pilots to talk calmly and concisely.

He took us on a linguistic tour of the British Isles and sometimes beyond, explaining where our language originated and how this influences how we speak today. Speaking in the dialect from each region along with mannerisms, it was hilarious.

An enjoyable meeting that lifted spirits on a day blighted by the sometimes blizzard conditions. A special mention must go to the two ladies who had travelled over from the Isle of Man the previous day and managed to complete the Town Trail. Well done ladies.