

## **Wannie Ladies Group**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT to Parish Council May 2024**

**This has been an eventful year as far as our group is concerned. We have officially closed our membership of the Royal British Legion Womens Section opened as the Wannie Ladies on 6<sup>th</sup> July. Our final act on behalf of the RBL was to lay up our standard on 22<sup>nd</sup> October in St Bartholemews Church, Kirkwhelpington. The Standard will reside in the Memorial Hall until such time as the Diocese gives us formal permission through a Faculty document as it will need to be permanently fixed on the wall of the church.**

**Officers of this branch are Helen Cowan as vice chairman, Sue Hoffman treasurer and Anita.**

**We continue much as we did for the Legion with meetings on the first Monday of each month except for Jan and August. We have a very interesting range of talks from some fascinating people. The June meeting is usually an outing and we hold a Christmas meal in December.**

**I have been particularly interested and delighted to see the increase in number of members since we launched our new group but there is still room for more so please spread the word. Everyone is welcome either to join as a member or attend a talk that interests them for a small fee.**

**The main change as far as the village is concerned is that we no longer parade at the Amistice Service and no longer are responsible for providing refreshments for this event. However some members are happy to be involved in helping with this event which this year will take place in the memorial hall to mark the 100 year anniversary of its opening. In addition the members feel that our tradition of providing the teas at the show is putting a huge weight on some very elderly shoulders and so would invite all the community to offer their assistance.**

**Thank you for listening and fingers crossed for the future.**