

A Celebration in Time. Over Peover W.I. Win the Manchester Airport Knutsford WI Time Capsule Competition

2018 is a significant year for both Manchester Airport and the Women's institute. The Airport is celebrating its 80th anniversary and the Women's institute is celebrating 100 years.

To help mark these milestones, the Airport has donated an oak tree and time capsule to Knutsford W.I. groups.

To decide where the tree should be planted, the individual W.I. groups, that fall within the Knutsford area, entered a competition for the best time capsule contents. The ladies racked their brains to come up with some ingenious items that depict 2018. The Over Peover branch were the winners and were awarded the oak tree, time capsule and a much-coveted silver rose bowl.

Planting day, November 30th, the weather was crisp and sunny. It was a great turn out as representatives from the Airport, W.I., Parish Council and local villagers all met to mark the occasion. Local tree specialist, Myles Dobell volunteered his services to ensure the capsule was buried and the tree was planted perfectly.

Parish Councillor, John Hehir, was intrigued to find out what was in the capsule. Ingrid Phillips who had led the Over Peover competition entry, explained that although small, the capsule was packed with objects representative of 2018. which included; house brochures, newspapers, commemorative stamps, a children's toy and many more items.

Over Peover W.I. President, June Leach commented "In this changing environment, it is a real pleasure to be able to put something back into the Village. Over Peover W.I. are delighted to have received the oak tree from Manchester airport and very proud to have won the competition for the time capsule which is to be buried beneath the tree. Together they will commemorate something from the past and something for the future".

Manchester Airport representative Catherine Davies said how delighted the Airport was to be working with the local community.

The tree is planted in Over Peover at the corner of Well Bank Lane and Cinder Lane so the whole village and wider community can enjoy seeing it grow in the years to come.

Interested in finding out more about the W.I. visit <http://www.cheshirewi.org.uk>



Over Peover W.I. Ingrid Phillips and June Leach (President) with the silver rose bowl.



Catherine Davies from Manchester Airport, planting the tree with the help of specialist Myles Dobell.



Left to right, Catherine Davies (Manchester Airport), Ingrid Phillips (Over Peover WI), June Leach (President Over Peover WI), Myles Dobell (Tree Specialist), and John Hehir (Over Peover Parish Council).