

A week in the life of the Region Office



Monday

9 o'clock and we're here again - doesn't seem like 5 minutes since we left on Saturday afternoon! The Region Trefoil Guild is here for a meeting at 10.30 so better get the boiler on and the biccies out.

Chaos as people start to arrive. There are 26 people arriving and three separate buzzers to get into the region office - the gate, the front door and the inner door - thankfully it's a nice day so we can prop the office doors open which saves having to keep answering buzzers.

Peace reigns once again as the meeting starts - a couple of hours before lunch arrives for them and we can get our emails sorted and replied to.

They are a lovely bunch of ladies and we get to catch up on news (and gossip) from the Counties and on this occasion get to see the wedding piccies of one TG Chair who has just got married - and very nice she looked too.

We manage a quick sandwich and a rather nice piece of cream cake (the TG didn't quite manage all the cake this time) and everyone is leaving.

2pm and all is quiet for a little while until the Staffing Committee members begin arriving for their meeting and the buzzers start all over again. More tea, coffee and biscuits.

Finally the meeting finishes around 5ish and everyone is gone by half past. The Chief Commissioner is expecting a telephone call at 6.30 to update her on all manner of things so it's a quick dash home, half an hour on the phone and then a well deserved glass of wine (well, I think it was well deserved anyway).

Tuesday, Wednesday - all is peaceful and quiet in the region office - lots of emails, a few phone calls and we can just get on with what we do best - organizing things and sorting out problems (oops, sorry I mean challenges!)

Thursday - our Treasurer is in today doing Treasurer type things. He has been our Treasurer for at least 100 years (well, 18 actually) so has actually been at the region office longer than any of us - just. Jan has done 17 yrs, Sandra 12 and Sally 10. A late evening teleconference to talk about our Minster Service, catch up with the news and then, bed.

Friday - not so quiet today - one member of staff going on holiday in a couple of weeks so she is frantically getting things ready for events that are happening in her absence.

Saturday - no meetings to attend or events that need staff members there. However, we have to open up for a CHQ meeting and make sure they have everything they need, then back to close up at 5pm and set alarms etc. They have also not managed all their buns so they will do nicely on Monday with our morning coffee.

Sunday - it's raining, hard, but at least we're at home and can stay indoors. The participants on the Barge Training Weekend have probably got well and truly soaked but I'm sure they will have enjoyed it anyway.

Every day of every week is different here - sometimes it can be lovely and peaceful and then all hell breaks loose and we're not sure what to do next. It keeps us on our toes and stops us getting stuck in a rut - no chance of that at the region office.



A small selection of other things
that we do well at the region
office!

