

DECEMBER 2025. The members were met with tables laid out to look very warm and festive with candles, holly branches, little chocolates and Christmas crackers. Joanna welcomed members and we sung Jerusalem. Apologies were received from Isobel, Ruth and Shirley. The November minutes and the Risk Assessment were on the table for viewing. In Matters Arising Joanna thanked Amanda for hosting two successful and fun Chain Reaction Film Nights. She read a report from Lesley on the enjoyable afternoon had by those attending the first meeting of the new WI Gardening Club. Joanna mentioned the County Christmas Carol Party which had a different format and choir from last year and worked well and it was also well attended. The Christmas Meal out at The Three Horseshoes was much enjoyed by 16 members who had a grand time with lovely food and good service as did those who chose to have a meal at The Woodman instead. Correspondence: Debbie read out a thank you card from Pat Pauley who will be moving to Scarborough in January, told members that the subs due in April have risen to £54 and then reminded members to bring in their resolution shortlist form which is to be found in the last copy of WI Life. Joanna reminded members to use the Suggestion & Feedback box. She suggested that members read County News at their leisure. Joanna then asked members to get their diaries out and we proceeded with the Sub Committees: we didn't have the next date for the next Book Club meeting (*but have since discovered that it will be on Wednesday 21st January at Judy's 3 Roestock Lane.*) The Gardening Club are meeting on Thursday 15th January also at Judy's! Outings; the Christmas Lights Minibus trip Friday 19th Dec now has a full bus and Gerry will be in contact with all the passengers to arrange collection times. Sue R told members about the enjoyable Town Twinning Christmas party and that there will be a Jumble Sale on Saturday 31st January. Joanna told members that we are to serve refreshments again so they are to 'save the date' and we will arrange volunteers/cakes at the January meeting. Under Future Plans, Joanna reminded members of the Chain Reaction Mulled Wine & Monica Mince Pies on Tuesday 16th Dec at 7.30pm at Pam Croft's. She then offered a Chain Reaction Soup Lunch at her house on Tuesday 27th January 12.30pm £5 each, sign up sheet here tonight and at the January meeting. Judy then announced that she and Lesley would do their usual Chain Reaction Cheese & Wine evening on Thursday 26th February - members were told to save the date and that a sign up sheet will be available at the January meeting. Next meeting will be on 8th January when members of St. Johns Ambulance (including our WI Best Bloke, Howard Taffs) will give a talk and demonstration on First Aid. Amanda will give the VOT. The competition is a mask - any type of mask! Sue Crawley and Sarah will help Veronica with the refreshments. There was no A.O.B. Amanda and Sue A quickly removed the covers from the bring and share buffet food and members tucked in whilst being entertained by the friendly trio of ladies called The Barn-ettes who perfectly sung a varied selection of Christmas songs. Some intrepid members danced and others sung along. It was a jolly evening. Pam Crofts gave the VOT. Whilst coffee and tea was served, Elves (Debbie & Elizabeth!) took round a sack of presents, one for each member. The competition, a snowman, was won by Ann with a jolly cute knitted one. The raffle was drawn and much appreciated by the winners of the four hampers, a box of biscuits and the Poinsettia from Mavis's Flower Fund. Joanna reminded members of Mulled Wine & Monica Mince Pies at Pam Crofts on Tuesday 16th and the Mini Bus Christmas Lights trip on Friday 19th. She told members that our next meeting is on 8th January and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The meeting closed with the National Anthem.