

APRIL 2022 - Joanna welcomed everyone and we sung Jerusalem. Apologies were received from Elizabeth Clarke, Delia Ensor, Pam Fox, Iris Green, Ruth Herman, Annegret Hicks, Claire Ouzman and Pauline Wiffen. Joanna has visited Delia with a card and bouquet from all of us but reports that Delia is, alas, seriously ill. The March minutes were on the table for viewing. In Matters Arising Joanna thanked Gerry for organising our swing sign bought with a donation from Cllr Hale's locality budget. It sits outside the hall and advertises us very nicely! Members were thanked for their support in the Community Governance Review - the decision in the boundary changes is not expected until late in the year. Joanna reports that The Spring Council was well attended with interesting speakers and a good atmosphere. The Chain Reaction Soup Lunch at Joanna's was jolly good fun and raised £55 for funds. Judy & Lesley offered to jointly host the next Chain Reaction details of which will be announced next month. In Correspondence, Debbie told members about the Action Pack on Ovarian cancer, a video on MyWI regarding New Modern Slavery, catalogues for bulbs now available with orders by 1st June. The Alzheimers Charity are still collecting old jewellery for recycling and they have emailed us with thanks for the recent amount we donated. There is a request for helpers for the WI stall at Living Crafts at Hatfield House in May. In County News, we are on page 2 and the results of the resolution choices is listed as "Women & Girls with ASD etc under identified etc" (this came 3rd in our choices) Book club will be meeting on 4th May. Joanna asked members for suggestions for an outing. Sue Rowlands said that the Town Twinning Quiz Night made a small profit but was much enjoyed by members. In Future Plans Debbie told members she had found a speaker (subject is The Cinema) for the Group Meeting in Essendon on 29th April. Tickets £4 available tonight. Next meeting will be May 12th, our AGM & Resolution meeting with the competition being A Green Man! Joanna will be leading us through this. In A.O.B. Members were able to complete objection forms to the proposed development on the green belt land next to the school. Then Joanna welcomed Cerri Noor who gave an interesting talk on how she got involved with crafting in Macrame. During refreshments those members who had paid a donation of £4 towards the cost of materials, attempted a macrame key ring to some success! All were impressed with the range of goods Cerri had 'knotted'! Sarah gave the vote of thanks. The raffle was drawn. The competition was popular with many pretty entries of fresh flowers displayed in jam jars. Sue Andrews was the winner. Joanna welcomed a new member, Janet Littlechild, who joined this evening. After wishing us a Happy Easter Joanna closed the meeting with the National Anthem.