

FEBRUARY 2023

The meeting commenced with a welcome from Joanna and the singing of Jerusalem. Apologies were received from Susan Clemow, Pam Crofts, Pam Fox, Iris Green, Jenny Godfrey, Ruth Herman, Annegret Hicks, Judy Kiln, Lesley Lewis, Nancy Taffs and Alison Tearle. The January minutes were placed on the table for viewing. In Matters Arising Joanna thanked Amanda for hosting a very successful Chain Reaction Film night which raised £45 for funds. She then went on to explain how the Chain Reaction should work and asked for the next hostess but to no avail although some members are thinking about it! The winner of the Competition Cup was Sue Andrews. Joanna presented her with the silver cup to a round of applause. In Correspondence, Debbie told members that the resolution choices were now with County to forward to NFWI. Our first choice was Save our Water followed by Online Gambling, Clean Rivers and then Tea Workers. Debbie reminded members of the Recycling for Good Courses for which, last month, members had agreed to collect mobile phones, stamps etc for the ACWW charity. Debbie showed members the huge red sack that needs to be filled! All members present confirmed that they had received the February edition of WI Life which contained the 2023 membership booklet. For County News, Joanna informed members of the correct date of the Home Craft Day which is Wed 15th March and not as shown on p.6. The Feedback box was empty. The Book Club will be meeting on 13th Feb at Ruth's. Our next Outing is Afternoon Tea at the Potting Shed on Wed 22nd Feb 2.30pm cost £21 each, there are 3 spaces left. Joanna reminded members that if they sign up for an outing and then cannot attend they must still pay the cost or find someone to take their place. There are no places left on Elizabeth's Theatre Club trip to see We Will Rock You. Joanna asked for a show of hands for those interested in a trip to the Hitchin Lavender fields in June. There were 15 members interested in an early evening trip. Sue Rowlands told members about the Town Twinning jumble sale on 18th Feb and a Quiz Night on March 25th. We are to provide refreshments for the Jumble Sale; Pat and Amanda will make cakes, Joanna, Gerry and Janet will serve. We will have a WI team at the Town Twinning Quiz Night comprising of Gerry, Janet, Pam R, Sue C and Pat. We need more items to sell on our Vinted account; members are to contact Susan. Future Plans: Mymmswood Group Meeting Fri 21st April 2.30pm at Wyllyotts Over 60's Room (the name of this made members laugh!) £5 a ticket to hear the history of a suburban road. Two members were interested. Next meeting is our Birthday Meeting on 9th March and we will be 70 years old! Joanna asked members to bring along a party plate as we will be having our usual bring and share buffet. Lisa Garrity will be entertaining us on her saxophone and other instruments. The competition will be the funniest birthday card. Gerry offered to give the VOT. Vilma & Ann will help Veronica with the teas. Sue Andrews will make the birthday cake. In A.O.B. Joanna suggested a 4 hour trip on one of the Waterways Experience's boats in July. 18 members interested. Dawn Lewis then gave us a demonstration on how to make a bath bomb explaining how she turned this hobby into a small business using her own recipes and eco friendly ingredients. A number of members then enjoyed making bombs with her help and filled the hall with the scent of essential oils! Joanna gave the VOT. The competition of a bath toy was won by Debbie with a Stingray submarine! There were items to buy from Dawn's stall and from our bring and buy table before the raffle was drawn. Joanna reminded members of the March meeting details and we closed the meeting with the National Anthem.