

JANUARY 2026. Vice President, Gerry, welcomed members and thanked them for coming out on such a wet and windy evening. She welcomed visitor, Pat (Iris's friend) and we sang Jerusalem. Apologies received from Ann, Di, Elizabeth, Ann, Janet, Joanna, Marion M, Mavis, Pam F, Ruth, Sarah & Shirley. The December minutes and the Risk Assessment were on the table for viewing. In Matters Arising Gerry mentioned the successful Chain Reaction Mulled Wine & Monica Mince Pies and thanked Pam for hosting and Monica for baking. She also mentioned the much enjoyed Christmas Lights Minibus trip and (as she was standing in for Joanna) had to thank herself and Howard for arranging it all! Correspondence: Debbie thanked those members who had bought in their resolution choices and said that everyone else could choose theirs tonight as she had made a spreadsheet for that purpose! Gerry told members that there were 2 notes in the Suggestion & Feedback box from last month. There was a thank you to Committee - which is much appreciated! Also, one wanting to know why we split into 2 groups to have the Christmas Meal Out. She told members this was not the intention of the Committee who were surprised that some members arranged to go elsewhere on the same night. Committee will try and get menus from local venues earlier this year for members to look at and, hopefully, agree on the one venue! She said that we're aware some people want smaller portions so will ask venues if this is possible. The members accepted this without comment. In County News, Gerry said that we were mentioned on p.12 and also briefly in the historical review on p.7 re abolition of turnstiles in toilets! This amused everyone! She then asked members to get their diaries out and we proceeded with Sub Committees: Book Club meeting is Wed 21st Jan at Judy's, 3 Roestock Lane 7.30pm. The Gardening Club are meeting at 2pm on Thurs 15th Jan also at Judy's. Outings; none planned yet but Committee are looking to arrange some in Spring and members are to let us have any ideas of places they would like to visit. We are providing refreshments for the Town Twinning Jumble Sale on Sat 31st Jan. Cake makers are Sue A, Amanda, Monica, Sue C, Veronica, Susan & Pam C. Servers will be Gerry, Sue A, Susan, Sue C, Monica & Veronica. Gerry thanked these ladies for their support. Under Future Plans, Gerry reminded members of the Chain Reaction Soup Lunch at Joanna's Tues 27th Jan at 12.30pm also, Lesley & Judy's Chain Reaction Cheese & Wine evening on Thurs 26th Feb for which there was a sign up sheet. Next meeting will be 12th February with Harriette Wight on the Art of Breathing. Iris will give the VOT. The competition is a fan. Iris and Margaret will help Veronica with refreshments. Members were asked if they would bring in items for the local food bank, as we did last February. Debbie gave each member a shopping list for this. In A.O.B. Gerry announced that the winner of the Competition Cup for 2025 is Pat Pauley so we shall have the cup engraved for her and send a photo of it to her new address in Scarborough! Gerry asked for a volunteer to bake a cake for our birthday meeting in March but no-one responded so Sue A again will provide this. Gerry had a table of fabric offcuts for members to help themselves to. She then handed over to members of St. John's Ambulance service (including our WI Best Bloke Howard) who gave a brief history of the organisation and demonstrations on first aid (CPR etc). It was both informative and reassuring. St. John's has over 200,000 volunteers in 40 countries. Members had the opportunity to try out the procedures on Choking Charlie and other models. Amanda gave the VOT. After refreshments Vilma was the winner of Sue A's smallest & biggest quiz. The competition, a mask, was won by Judy with an impressive African one. The raffle was drawn. Gerry reminded members of Joanna's Soup Lunch on 27th, the Jumble Sale on 31st and our next meeting on 12th Feb and bring foodbank items. We closed with the National Anthem.