

JANUARY 2022 - Joanna welcomed us all and wished us a Happy New Year and the meeting commenced with the singing of Jerusalem. Apologies were received from Eileen Francis, Ann Blackmore, Claire Ouzman, Diana Devereux, Ruth Herman, Pauline Wiffen, Jenny Godfrey, Judy Kiln, Shirley Paine and Nancy Taffs. The December 2021 minutes were on the table for viewing. In Matters Arising Joanna thanked Gerry (& Howard) for arranging the Christmas Lights & Crooked Billet outing on 17th Dec which members really enjoyed. She also told members to look at our new website (it needs many 'hits'!) which Gerry has now completed, the new address is as shown on our membership cards which were given out this evening and thanks went to Sue A for printing these. In Correspondence, Debbie thanked members for bringing in their resolution choice voting slips, those who didn't could still take part by placing their votes with her tonight. In County News, we are shown on p.4 complete with photos, members were also guided to the pages showing the County House Coffee & Cake morning and the Home Craft day. They were also told to save the date, 31st March, which is for the Spring Council meeting. Joanna reminded members of the suggestion & feed back box. Book club will be meeting on 22nd February. Members were told of the Colney Heath Theatre Club's next trip which will be to the Dominion on 3rd March to see Dirty Dancing. Sue Rowlands updated members on the news from the Town Twinning (no jumble sale this year and a quiz night via zoom in March). Future plans are a Chain reaction Film night on 25th Jan at Susan's to watch Oceans 8 and the Group Meeting on Friday 29th April at Essendon. The next meeting will be February 10th when we will be entertained by our own drama group. There will also be a bring and buy. The competition will be a programme from a show. In A.O.B. Joanna reminded us that refreshments will now be 50p for a cuppa and cake. Sue Crawley offered to make a birthday cake for our March meeting. Joanna then handed over to the jolly Sarah Donnelly who took us through some fun exercises for which we remained seated. This was hard to do as the music wanted many of us to stand up and dance! However, it was good fun and a surprisingly energetic work out. Joanna gave the vote of thanks to Sarah and we all enjoyed our well earned refreshments. We then had a work out for our brains trying to answer the clever pictograms that Susan had provided and hung around the hall. Sue A won the competition with a cushion in the shape of the Millennium Falcon proving that many of us have a soft spot for Star Wars! After the raffle was drawn Joanna reminded members of the bring & buy stall to be held at our February meeting and then closed the meeting with the National Anthem.