

July 2025.

Joanna welcomed members and a guest, Shirley (Margaret's sister in law). We sang Jerusalem. Apologies were received from Debbie, Sue Andrews, Pam Crofts, Lesley, Judy, Pat, Jackie and Jill. The June minutes and the Risk Assessment were placed on the table for viewing. In Matters Arising Joanna told members that the Social evening on 19th June at the Crooked Billet was well attended and enjoyable, the next one being 17th July. Joanna thanked members who helped with the WI stall at the School Fete. £90 was raised with the stall costing £15 so a profit of £75. Members asked to put their thinking caps on to come up with a game or activity the children could do as the PTA run a cakes stall. Correspondence: Amanda told members that she had yet to receive the report for the NFWI Annual Meeting from our link institute. Debbie will email the report to members as soon as it arrives. She pointed out the Dental Health Matters article in WI Life P45 with a suggestion and pattern to washbags containing a toothbrush and toothpaste. A couple of members showed some interest. Asked to bring finished washbags to our next meeting. She then pointed out that WI diaries could now be purchased for £7.50 (apologies for thinking about next year already!) She highlighted Tom's flyer about gardening. Finally she reminded members of the Tips and Hints box. Joanna then read out a thank you card from Monica. Suggestion & Feedback box empty. Joanna told members to read County News at their leisure. She then asked members to get their diaries out and we proceeded with the Sub Committees: The Book Club are meeting on Monday 14th July 7.30pm at Elizabeth's. Outings; Copped Hall Gardens near Epping, Sunday 3rd August for a Garden Afternoon at £7 each - there is still time for others to sign up. Amanda will email all those going to organise lifts and meeting point. There was no report from the Town Twinning this month. Under Future Plans, Joanna informed members our August Social will be on 14th August at the Crooked Billet 6pm. Food will be provided but members are to buy their own drinks at the bar. Joanna said that members could choose if they wanted to also have a Chill and Chat there the following Thursday (21st August) Next meeting will be 11th September- Parkinsons

Music Therapy with Maria Thomas. VOT- Susan Blunt The competition is a brooch. Committee will help Veronica with refreshments. In AOB Joanna mentioned we will have an Accessory Sale fundraiser (hats, jewellery, scarves, bags) at the October meeting alongside the usual Produce and Craft stall, a flyer will be available at the September meeting. Joanna then handed over to Gerry and Amanda who ran a beetle drive. We had 5 tables playing with 2 members swapping tables per round. The competition was fierce and the level of concentration intense. The winners were Margaret Nash, Shirley Nash, Marion Marlborough, Isobel Pile, Pam Rowell, Sue Rawlings and Janet Littlevhild. Everyone enjoyed the evening and there were requests to do it again. The competition (a pack of cards) was won by Amanda with her Noddy Snap cards. The raffle was drawn. Joanna reminded members of the Chill and Chat at the Crooked Billet on Thursday 17th, the Copped Hall Gardens trip on the 3rd August, the summer social on Thursday 14th August and our next meeting on 11th September. We closed with the National Anthem!