

JULY 2022 - President Joanna welcomed members and guest, we sang Jerusalem. Apologies were received from Debbie Fulwell, Marian Chalkwright, Pam Fox, Iris Green, Jenny Godfrey, Ruth Herman Judy Kiln, Sue Rowland, Nancy Taffs and Jackie Shaw. The June minutes were on the table for viewing.

In Matters Arising Gerry reported back on the National Federation AGM held in Liverpool but attended by Gerry virtually. She found it very interesting with those on zoom creating their own community, posting messages and comments. The main speaker was a past Chairwoman of Wimbledon Tennis Club- Sarah Clark. The resolution was passed with a vote of 96.5%.

The Chain Reaction of a Cheese & Wine evening hosted by Judy & Lesley on 23rd June was a great success, attended by 13 members and raising £65 for funds. The litter pick on Sunday 26th June saw 6 members collect 6 1/2 bags of rubbish and then enjoying refreshments at Susan's. Photos will be posted on Facebook and the website so do look and like!

Correspondence - A National raffle ticket per member has been purchased from funds and given to each member tonight. A thank-you email received from The Alzheimer's Society for donations of jewelry. A book 'A schoolgirl's war', the subject of June's speaker has been purchased and is available to borrow by members.

Joanna told members to read County News at their leisure -the Performing Arts Committee tea has released a few extra tickets but selling fast so book soon. Organ recital Sept 24th on P6 might be of interest to members. Calendars and diaries for 2023 can be ordered from Di at the Sept meeting.

Suggestion & Feedback box contains 2 notes which will be discussed at the next committee and reported back in Sept.

Subcommittees - the Book Club which has space for more members now will be meeting on 20th July at Judy's.

Elizabeth's theatre club trip on 25th Oct to see Choir of Man has a waiting list should spaces become available.

Town twinning- Leslie reminded members of the outing on the Grand Union Canal on 13th August, £15 for the day. Contact Sue Rowlands to book a place.

Outings - WI 'gathering' at the Tyttenhanger Trains on Sunday 7th August 2-5pm and if the weather is bad then Sunday 21st August instead. There were some members going to the Open Air showing of Shakespeare's Complete (abridged!) Works at the Roman Theatre on 28th July. Please purchase own tickets and arrange car shares.

Future Plans -The August Social will be a Pimms & Puddings event on Thursday 11th at 6.30pm at Sue Andrews house, 6 Fellows Lane, hosted by Sue and Amanda.

Chain Reaction garden party 17th September 2.30pm at 56 Bullen's Green Lane, cost £5.

Smallford Station event 11th Sept 11-3pm. We are providing refreshments. Amanda will cook some soup helpers requested.

Mymmwood Group meeting on Wed 14th Sept at **2pm** Brookmans Park. Martin Orkin on Songs the Beatles gave away!. Comp: picture of your favourite singer. Philippa McKinnon is county visitor. (We are in charge of the VOT's). Tickets (£5) now with Di to sell at July & Sept meetings.

Next meeting Sept 8th Geoff Lewis talking on Neuro-Linguistic Programming VOTGerry, Teas by committee, competition 'a vegetable animal'.

In A.O.B. Sue introduced members to the Vinted Account set up on our behalf. Members should contact Sue if they have an item to sell. WI get 30% and member 70% of sale price.

Sue is collecting clean plastic milk bottle tops for Leukaemia Research.

Birthdays cards to Ann, Monica, Janet, Pam Croft, Leslie and Sue.

Due to COVID our July speaker had canceled but Pam Croft stood in and gave an entertaining and informative talk on lacemaking. Members were able to view her exquisite work during tea and some had a go themselves!

The raffle was drawn. The competition was won by Sue with a bird book open on the Eagle's page.

Joanna recapped dates of events and then we sung the National Anthem - patriotically!