

MARCH 2023 70th Birthday Meeting

Joanna welcomed everyone especially our two guests, Geraldine and Maureen from London Colney WI and Di's friend Patricia. We then sung Jerusalem. Apologies were received from Veronica Budge, Pam Crofts, Pam Fox, Debbie Fulwell, Judy Kiln, Lesley Lewis and Jill Stocks. The February minutes were placed on the table for viewing. In Matters Arising it was reported that the Potting Shed Afternoon Tea was a good outing and one which we may repeat. Joanna thanked everyone involved with the refreshments at the Town Twinning Jumble sale. We have received a nice thank you from the chair of the Town Twinning and we made £43.37 for funds. Only one item in Correspondence; Amanda reminded members of the Recycling for Good Courses for the ACWW charity. For County News, Joanna confirmed that the Home Craft Day will now be held at County House. The Feedback box held a suggestion of having a cake and biscuit stall at some of our meetings. This will be discussed at the next Committee. We can't book a trip to the Hitchin Lavender fields until the site opens later on in the Spring. Sue Rowlands told members about the Quiz Night on March 25th and a visit to Boissy on 26th & 27th May. We have a WI team at the Quiz Night comprising of Gerry, Janet, Pam R, Sue C and Pat, unfortunately, no-one else volunteered to join the team. Susan told members that we had sold another item on our Vinted account. Future Plans: Our next Chain Reaction will be Ploughman's Lunch at Jackie's (6 Chivenor Place) on Wednesday 22nd March at 12.30pm £5 each. There is a sign up sheet here tonight. The Mymmswood Group Meeting is on Friday 21st April 2.30pm at Wyllyotts Over 60's Room as mentioned last month. £5 a ticket to hear the history of a suburban road. Our next meeting is on April 13th when Graham and Mary Brace will speak on the Wildlife of India. The competition will be a tiger! Susan Blunt offered to give the VOT. Pam Rowell and Janet Littlechild will help Monica with the teas. In Any Other Business, members were asked if they were interested in joining in a litter pick on Monday 8th May (the bank holiday after the Coronation) possibly along with other organisations in the village. Only 8 members showed an interest in this. Joanna then opened the buffet which was the usual fine selection of food and introduced the replacement speaker Tony Tutton who entertained with "My life in music - Coronation to Corona" and played music from the 1950's, 60's and 70's. There was just enough time for one sing-along! Our planned speaker, Lisa Garrity was unable to attend due to a broken collarbone but it is hoped that she will entertain us at our December meeting for which we had originally booked Tony. Gerry gave the VOT. Joanna thanked Sue Andrews for making the pretty birthday cake and she cut the first slice. Joanna was presented with a bouquet as it was also her birthday today but she is younger than CHWI! Sue Rowland and Sarah Crawley were the joint winners of the competition which was the funniest birthday card. After the raffle was drawn Joanna reminded members of Jackie's Ploughman's lunch and of the Town Twinning Quiz night. The meeting closed with the National Anthem.