

MAY 2023

Members were warmly welcomed by Joanna before we all stood to sing Jerusalem. Apologies were received from Marian Chalkwright, Elizabeth Clarke, Pam Fox, Ruth Herman, Annegret Hicks, Judy Kiln, Janet Littlechild, Lesley Lewis, Sue Rowland and Nancy Taffs. The April minutes were placed on the table for viewing. In Matters Arising Joanna told members that The Waterways Canal Trip on Wed 2nd August 11-3pm will cost £12 per person and we need to sell another 13 seats. She also stressed that if signed up but unable to attend you must still pay or find someone to take your place. In Correspondence; Debbie had a flyer from County that showed all the upcoming events - however, the Sixties night has had to be cancelled. Orders from the NFWI bulb catalogues were needed tonight and she reminded members of the Recycling for Good Causes. In County News members were told that the cost of the Kimpton Afternoon Tea Party is now £20 per person. The Feedback box was empty. The Book Club are meeting on 30th May at Susan's. We have failed to book a trip to the Hitchin Lavender fields as ticket availability is very sporadic so we won't be offering a group outing this year. Members were told that we plan outings in the summer to the Tyttenhanger Trains and to the Open Air Theatre as we did last year. On behalf of the Town Twinning, Debbie reminded members of the coach trip to Whitstable on 16th July and offered a leaflet with details for signing up for this trip. Susan told members that we have sold another item on our Vinted account. Future Plans: Chain Reaction Film Night Tues 23rd May at Susan's to watch La Cage aux Folles, interested members to sign up tonight. Our next meeting is on June 8th and it is our Bring a Friend Night (Debbie handed each member an invitation to use) The speaker will be Sherry Hostler on My Journey as a Writer. Gerry offered to give the VOT. The competition is a pen. Sarah and Iris will help with the teas. In AOB, Joanna told members that Di was resigning from the Treasurer role after many years and that Amanda Furlong would now be our Treasurer. Di was applauded by all and Joanna presented her with a box of posh chocolates! Jackie mentioned the Breakaway Theatre comedy, Castaway, which is playing at the Inn on the Park 25th & 27th May. We then proceeded with the Annual Meeting Agenda the minutes of which are attached. As she is a member of the Board of Trustees at County, our Joanna took us through the resolution; Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife. A discussion was had and all 21 members present voted for the resolution as it was deemed as a step forward in resolving a very serious problem. Gerry thanked Joanna for leading us through it. During refreshments members enjoyed purchasing from the Produce Stall which was laden with plants and cakes and preserves. Members then had fun with a round of 'Gerry Bingo' and a chance to win a bar of chocolate. This had all the members concentrating as Gerry spun the bingo numbers! The competition of flowers in an egg cup was won by Sue A with her pretty arrangement. The raffle was drawn. Joanna reminded members to bring a friend for the June meeting and told them that all refreshments including the tea, coffee and cake would be free of charge for that meeting. We sung the National Anthem and Joanna then closed the meeting.