

OCTOBER 2025. Joanna welcomed members and new member Shirley Ash. We sung Jerusalem but owing to a request from a couple of members, Joanna had to confirm that, as usual, it was up to the individual whether they wanted to join in with the singing or not. Apologies received from Judy, Ruth and Shirley. The September minutes and the Risk Assessment were placed on the table for viewing. In Matters Arising Joanna thanked Veronica for holding a Chain Reaction Tea and thanked all those that had attended, enjoying good food, drink and company. In Correspondence: Debbie reminded members that Amanda, Gerry and Joanna will be attending the County ACM on Sat 11th October and will report at the November meeting. She again mentioned the Action Pack for our current resolution 'Bystanders can be Lifesavers' and put it on the table for members to view or they could ask her to email it to them. From the Suggestion & Feedback box was an idea of a WI Garden Club. 10 members expressed an interest and Lesley agreed to be the co-ordinator. Also, an reminder email of future events to be sent to those that had missed a meeting rather than finding out for themselves (this is because some members could not read the minutes from the website on their mobile phones.) There was also a Health & Safety one to tell Sue A (as register) if they leave a meeting early in the unlikely case of a fire and a roll call. Joanna mentioned the Literary Lunch and the Christmas Carol party as shown in County News. She then asked members to get their diaries out and we proceeded with the Sub Committees: The Book Club will advise their members of their next meeting date as the library was slow in providing the next book. Outings; there will be a Christmas Lights Minibus trip on Friday 19th December - a sign up sheet was provided. Sue R told members about the Town Twinning Christmas meal & dance on Saturday 6th December. Under Future Plans, Joanna told members about the Chain Reaction Film Night at Amanda's to see the film Ghosted on Wed 26th November £5 each maximum of 8 people - a sign up sheet was provided. Christmas Meal Out on Thursday 4th December 6.45pm at The Three Horseshoes in Smallford. Including their 10% service charge will be £35.15 for 2 courses and £38.45 for 3 courses. Menus are here and will need choices next month. We will all be in one area but not on one big table. A sign up sheet was provided. Joanna explained that we had looked at the various venues, with varying prices and gone for this one as members wanted a change from The Sibthorpe. Next meeting will be on 13th November A Crafty Christmas demonstration and workshop with Caroline O'Neal. Gerry will give the VOT. The competition is an embroidered item. Pam Fox and Jill will help Veronica with refreshments. In AOB Joanna asked if members would be interested in green tomato chutney if she made a few jars (5 members were). She asked if members would like to have the usual Christmas Hamper raffle this year? They said yes but wanted smaller hampers so as Joanna could supply small baskets we agreed to this and reminded members to bring in items with a long use by date (Jan 2026 at least) Joanna then told members that Santa had been in touch to say that he will have a gift for each member as he did last year. Members seemed content with this. Joanna then handed over to Simon Rice who gave a lecture and presentation on The Amazing World of Bees. Apparently there are 270 types of Bee in the UK. He also said that honey bees are no longer thought to be under threat which was good news. Pat gave the VOT. The Produce and Craft Stall and Accessory Sale opened during refreshment time and members enjoyed shopping and chatting. The raffle was drawn. The competition (a bee) was won by Sue Rawlins with a cute knitted one. Joanna reminded members of our next meeting on 13th November and to bring an item for the Christmas Hampers to that meeting. We closed with the National Anthem.