

SEPTEMBER 2025.

Joanna welcomed members and visitor, Shirley (Margaret's sister in law). We sung Jerusalem. Joanna drew members attention to the pretty flower arrangement (by Sue Andrews) on the top table and explained how there will be flowers every month from now on and these would then go into the raffle. We are able to do this thanks to the generous gesture of our longstanding member, Mavis Wallace, who then received a loud round of applause from all the members! Apologies received from Iris, Jackie, Judy, Pam F, Pam R, Ruth, Sarah, Shirley, and Sue C. The July minutes and the Risk Assessment were placed on the table for viewing. In Matters Arising Joanna told members how successful the Copped Hall gardens outing was and how the August Social at the Crooked Billet was also successful with 27 attending, the weather was kind so we were outside in the garden. The buffet food was very nice and she hoped everyone enjoyed themselves? They did! In Correspondence: Debbie told members about the County ACM on Sat 11th October at the Vineyard and referred members to the details in County News. Amanda will be our delegate for this and Gerry will join her as an observer (cost £15) No other member was interested in attending. Debbie again mentioned the pattern for toiletry bags for the Dental Health Matters resolution but there was no interest in this. She read from the Action Pack for our current resolution Bystanders can be Lifesavers which answered our question raised at May AGM and myth busted the inappropriate removal of bras. The whole action pack was put on the table for members to view. The Suggestion & Feedback box has something in it which will be discussed at Committee. 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 are meeting on Wednesday 24th September 7.30pm at Susan's. Outings; there will be a Christmas Lights Minibus trip in December - date to be confirmed. Sue R told members about the Town Twinning Cocktails and Games on Sat 4th October. Under Future Plans, Joanna told members about the Chain Reaction Tea at Veronica's on Thursday 2nd October 2.30pm, 12 people only, £5 each, sign up tonight. Also, that there will be a Chain Reaction Film Night at Amanda's in November with the date and film to be advised. Joanna asked if members would like to have a Christmas Meal Out as in previous years on the first Thursday of December (4th) which members agreed to but wanted a change from our usual venue. Committee to research 3 other local venues and advise but did warn the members that these other venues will be more expensive. Next meeting will be 9th October with Simon Rice on the Amazing World of Bees. Pat will give the VOT. The competition is a bee. Sue Rawlins will help Veronica with refreshments and Debbie will ask Jackie or Pam Fox to help as well (if not Elizabeth will step in) Joanna reminded members of the Accessory Sale fundraiser at the October meeting, alongside the usual Produce & Craft stall, whilst Debbie handed out a flyer on these fundraisers to each member present which showed all the details. In AOB Susan told members about micro plastics ('Plastic Soup' being a previous resolution) which get into the food chain and suggested we change our plastic chopping boards to wooden ones; just one of a number of tips available to prevent this. Joanna then handed over to Maria Thomas for a most interesting talk on Parkinson's Music Therapy and how it improved the quality of life for those with Parkinson's by helping with movement and reach etc Maria is a classically trained musician and delighted us with music on her oboe and a taster session of one of her classes which involved us warming up by pulling faces and stamping in time to music! Members were then each given a percussion instrument to play and under Maria's guidance we all managed to be in rhythm! Joanna mentioned the Hatfield Music Festival October 9th-12th which Maria will be performing at. After refreshments members enjoyed catching up with each others news during social time. The raffle was drawn. The competition (a brooch) was won by Margaret with a dragonfly one. Joanna reminded members of the Chain Reaction Tea at Veronica's and our next meeting on 9th October which will have Produce & Craft stall and an Accessory Sale. We closed with the National Anthem.