

APRIL 2024 Joanna welcomed everyone especially Sue Andrew's young granddaughter, Alana and we then sang Jerusalem. Apologies were received from Marian C, Pam F, Iris G, Ruth H, Di M, Margaret N, Shirley P, Pat P, (new member Sue Rawlins), Pam R and Alison T. Joanna presented a (late!) birthday bouquet to Vilma and a thank you bouquet to Jill who has just retired from running our register after many years. As it was both Amanda's and Veronica's birthday that day we sang Happy Birthday to them! In Matters Arising Joanna thanked Amanda for hosting another chain reaction film night which raised £35. She told members how our team came 3rd at the enjoyable Town Twinning Quiz night and she reminded members of the risk assessment for our meetings which will be on the table at every meeting. In Correspondence Debbie read out a thank you letter from ACWW for the £52 raised by our recycling sack. She told members about the Dental Health Matters resolution which Joanna will be leading us through next month. She also explained that a member from Bricket Wood WI would be attending the NFWI annual meeting on 5th June on our behalf and showed members the agenda for this. The NFWI Annual Review for 2022-23 had been emailed to all members but Debbie put a printed copy on the table for those without email to read. She then offered members the WI bulb catalogues (orders to be in at the May meeting.) Debbie read out to members the flyer received from HFWI explaining how members can nominate themselves or each other to join Committee and she asked if anyone was willing to join our Committee - no-one was interested! In answer to a request in the Feedback box last month, Joanna explained that if members wanted a reminder of events etc they could find a calendar of everything on our website and also a copy of all the minutes. If that was not helpful then members were always welcome to phone her or Debbie with any questions. Joanna told members that we are shown on p.5 of County News and recommended that they read the history of HFWI on pages 9-11 where Colney Heath is also mentioned as putting forward a resolution of the Abolition of Turnstiles in Public Lavatories back in 1955! The Book Club are meeting on Wed 8th May at Elizabeth's. The Drama group have had their ideas meeting and would welcome more members to join them. Debbie again offered members a visit to Living Crafts at group discounted prices on Friday 10th May - need a minimum of 15 to obtain the reduced price and she would need to know by the weekend. There is a sign up board for members to see the bluebells at Cherry Green Trees on Sun 21st April at 2pm. Another outing is to see The Winters Tale live screened at Campus West on 22nd or 26th May - Pam C is arranging this and costs are either £21.60 or £19.50 plus a booking fee. Sue R mentioned the Town Twinning Quiz Night was a success and the French are visiting 17th-20th May. Future Plans are Susan's Film Night to watch Soylent Green on Wed 17th April and a Fashion Show on Wed 29th May 7.30pm in the Village Hall's Studio - sign up board here tonight and members were advised to bring their purses as there will be items for sale. At this and all the outings the sign up boards also have a column for members to tick that they attend at their own risk. Our next meeting will be May 9th. AGM/Resolutions and afterwards a 'speed dating' which Joanna explained was a just a fun Q&A session. There will be a Produce Stall and members were asked to bring in cakes (individual or slice of), plants, preserves etc but all must be properly wrapped and priced. The competition will be a homemade button hole. Pam C & Margaret will help Veronica with refreshments. In AOB Joanna asked if members would like to have a Produce Stall at the School Summer Fair on Sat 29th June 12-3pm. Approx 9 members offered to supply produce/help on the day. Joanna then handed over to Ruth King who instructed us on painting onto silk pictures which she then made up into cards with Amanda's assistance. The hall was silent as we all concentrated on this relaxing activity! Joanna gave the VOT. The competition (decorated egg) was won by Debbie with a pretty blue flowery egg. After refreshments the raffle was drawn. Joanna reminded members of our next meeting on 9th May with the Produce/Craft stall. We then closed with the National Anthem.