

FEBRUARY 2022 - Joanna welcomed us all and the meeting commenced with the singing of Jerusalem. Apologies were received from Elizabeth Clarke, Pam Crofts, Diana Devereux, Delia Ensor, Pam Fox, Eileen Francis, Jenny Godfrey, Ruth Herman, Annegret Hicks, Judy Kiln, Claire Ouzman, Nancy Taffs and Pauline Wiffen. The January minutes were on the table for viewing. In Matters Arising Joanna thanked Susan for hosting our first Chain Reaction event of the year where 10 members enjoyed a film night. She reminded us all of how the Chain Reaction fund raisers work i.e. another member should now host a small or large event such as a tea, lunch, cheese & wine evening to which members would pay £5 to attend. Susan then explained the Community Governance review of boundary changes and advised members to read about this on The Coal Post website. Joanna gave the results of our votes for the resolution choices with Equality in law for Menopause and Digital Exclusion being the joint highest scorers. In Correspondence, Debbie asked for a member to attend the Spring Council meeting on 31st March but there was no-one available to do so. In County News, Joanna mentioned the Home Craft day and also the Clothes Sale. Book club will be meeting on 22nd February. There is a waiting list for joining the Sewing Group. Sue Rowlands mentioned the Town Twinning Quiz Night in the village hall on 19/03/22 £2.50 a ticket as there will be no food served this year - a WI team will enter (Ruth, Pam R, Iris, Sue C, Joanna, Amanda & Gerry.) Future plans are some Chain Reactions of a Soup Lunch (date t.b.a.) at Joanna's and a garden tea party at Veronica's in September. Lesley offered to host an event with Judy, more news at next meeting. Debbie reminded members of the Group Meeting on Friday 29th April at Essendon (8 members are interested in joining her at this.) The next meeting will be March 10th and is our birthday meeting so we will be having a bring and share buffet as usual. Entertainment by Welwyn Harmony A Cappella group. The competition will be a record sleeve. Sue C assured us that the birthday cake is made and maturing nicely! In A.O.B. Joanna explained that Amanda Furlong has been co-opted onto Committee in the role of Publicity Officer. Susan has details of the classes run by Sarah, last month's speaker. Jill will join Susan at the Speaker's Auditions on 7th April. The Drama Group then entertained us with songs and readings. This was good fun and an encore was demanded of Laurel and Hardy's (aka Susan and Gerry's) dance! Debbie gave the vote of thanks. Members enjoyed refreshments and the Bring & Buy Stall. Sue C won the competition, Debbie suggested members look at the ACWW website to see how the competition money is put to good use. After the raffle was drawn Joanna reminded members of the bring & share buffet next month then closed the meeting with the National Anthem.