

JANUARY 2023

Joanna welcomed us all especially visitor, Isobel Pile, and wished us a Happy New Year. The meeting commenced with the singing of Jerusalem and then a minutes silence was held in memory of Ruth Ragg, a member for many years who had passed away on New Years Eve at the age of 98. Apologies were received from Marion Chalkwright, Pam Crofts, Jenny Godfrey, Ruth Herman, Janet Littlechild, Sue Rowland, Gerry Savage, Nancy Taffs and Alison Tearle. The December minutes were placed on the table for viewing. In Matters Arising Joanna told members how disappointed she was that the secret Santa rules had again been broken and she stressed that members did not have to take part if they couldn't put in the sack a present that they would like to receive themselves. She then moved on to mention the Christmas Lights Minibus trip which was most enjoyable, ending with drinks at the football club and joining in there with carol singers from St. Mark's. Thanks to Gerry & Howard for arranging this. Members were given programme cards for the year and we thanked Susan for booking the speakers and Sue A for producing the pretty pale blue cards. Joanna stressed that visitors are always welcome and reminded members to look at our website and Facebook pages. In Correspondence, Debbie thanked members for bringing in their voting slips for the resolution choices, those who didn't could still take part by placing their votes with her tonight. She then mentioned the Recycling for Good Courses as shown in County News and members agreed to collect mobile phones, stamps etc for the ACWW charity. Joanna reminded members to read County news - we are on page 4. The Book Club will be meeting on 15th February at Ruth's. Our next Outing will be an afternoon Tea at the Potting Shed on Wednesday 22nd February 2.30pm cost £21 each. Members (maximum of 12) were asked to sign up tonight if interested. Elizabeth's Theatre Club have arranged a trip to see We Will Rock You on 10th July £61 each inc coach. Pam Fox told members about the Town Twinning jumble sale on 18th February and a Quiz Night is planned for Spring. Susan asked for more items for the Vinted account and told members that we have made £32 so far from sales. Future Plans: Chain Reaction Film Night at Amanda's on Thursday 26th January to watch the film Coda - few spaces still available. Amanda gave members a quick summary of the film. Next meeting will be on 9th February. It will be a workshop on Bath Bombs! Dawn Lewis will be demonstrating these and members were asked to bring along a bowl and a whisk if they would like to make a bomb! Dawn will also be selling crafts such as soaps, jams so members were recommended to bring along their purses. The competition will be a bath toy. Iris offered to give the VOT. Shirley Paine & Jackie Shaw will help Veronica with the teas. There will also be a Bring & Buy at this meeting. In A.O.B. Joanna tells members that we will be 70 in March and asked for someone to make us a birthday cake - but no-one offered alas. Then Joanna handed over to Maria McBride & Lin Greenfield for their interesting talk on the Waterways Experiences charity. Joanna gave the VOT. We may book a trip on one of their boats in the summer! The competition of a boat was won by Debbie with one made from sea shells. After refreshments and the raffle and general jolly chit chat Joanna reminded members of the February meeting details and we closed the meeting with the National Anthem.