

JUNE 2022 - Bring a Friend Night & Platinum Jubilee Celebration. We had decorated the hall with bunting and flags. Vice President Gerry welcomed members and guests and congratulated everyone for making the effort to wear red, white & blue and/or a tiara, we looked a picture! We sung Jerusalem and were complimented on our rendition by the evening's speaker, Mr. Smith. Apologies were received from Joanna Defries, Elizabeth Clarke, Jenny Godfrey, Ruth Herman and Jackie Shaw. The May minutes were on the table for viewing. In Matters Arising Gerry asked members to check out our new Facebook page and reminded them to look at our website. For the first time that anyone could remember there wasn't anything to mention under Correspondence! Gerry told members to read County News at their leisure - we are on page 2! One of the notes in the Suggestion & Feedback box last month has resulted in the return of the tea rota. Susan spoke about the Book Club which has space for more members now and will be meeting on 20th July at Judy's. The outing to see the play Ladies Night was much enjoyed and there are spaces available on Elizabeth's theatre club trip on 25th Oct to see Choir of Man. There was interest in having a WI 'gathering' at the Tyttenhanger Trains on Sunday 7th August and if the weather is bad then Sunday 21st August instead. There were 11 members interested in going to the Open Air showing of Shakespeare's Complete (abridged!) Works at the Roman Theatre at the end of July. Sue Rowlands reported that the Town Twinning enjoyed having their French friends over last weekend and gave details on a barge trip in August. In Future Plans we have the next Chain Reaction being a Cheese & Wine evening hosted by Judy & Lesley on 23rd June at Judy's. On Sunday 26th June 2pm we will be doing another Litter Pick around the village with refreshments afterwards at Susan's - members were told to bring rubber gloves! The August Social will be a Pimms & Puddings event on Thursday 11th at a Sue Andrews house hosted by Sue and Amanda. Next meeting is July 14th Gaye Illsley on Lasting Power of Attorney and the competition is an Eagle! In A.O.B. members were told a date for their diaries was Sat 11th Sept when we will again be providing refreshments at the Smallford Station event. Then Gerry & Debbie served white wine spritzers & juice and everyone helped themselves to delicious Coronation Chicken or cucumber sandwiches, patriotic Pavlova or Platinum Pudding. Gerry introduced Mr. Smith who despite being the understudy for his wife Mary (unwell with Covid), gave a very interesting talk and presentation on A Schoolgirls War. We then had a quiz on royalty over coffee and tea. The raffle was drawn. The competition was won by Sue Rowlands with her school photograph. Gerry recapped dates of events and then we sang the National Anthem - patriotically!