

JULY 2023 Members and 2 visitors were warmly welcomed by Joanna before we all sang Jerusalem. Apologies received from Susan Blunt, Pam Fox, Iris Green, Ruth Herman, Janet Littlechild, Di Marlborough, Pam Rowell and Sue Rowland. Minutes of the June meeting were on the table for viewing. In Matters Arising Joanna told members about the success of our produce stall at the School Summer Fair the previous Saturday. The stormy weather did not prevent us having a good time! We made a profit of £59.75 and she thanked all involved. Those going on The Waterways Canal Trip on Wed 2nd August were to pay tonight if not done so already and also to arrange car share with each passenger paying the usual £2 to the driver for fuel. Under Correspondence Debbie asked if anyone was interested in joining the Board of Trustees at County and if so they were to see Joanna. She also told members that the HFWI calendars for 2024 are now available to order along with the NFWI diaries. As in previous years each member has been given a NFWI raffle ticket bought out of our funds as a gift. Maybe this year one of us will win a prize! Members were reminded of the Recycling for Good Causes, the sack is nearly heavy enough to be collected. We are on p.3 of County News and so is Gerry regarding her gliding experience. We will be arranging an outing in December to go to the Carol Concert HFWI are holding. Joanna reminded members of the Feedback box. The Book Club are meeting on 15th August at Judy's. Gerry is arranging a meet up at the Tyttenhanger Trains on either 6th or 20th August (date depending on the weather) she will email members once date decided. There is a outing to the Open Air Theatre to see Private Lives on Thursday 20th July - members to book their own tickets and liaise re car sharing. Elizabeth's theatre club have booked to see the King and I on 21/02/24 at the Dominion. Cost £55 (inc coach) if interested Elizabeth needs to know by 25th July. Lesley told members of the next two Town Twinning events; Summer Cocktails on 12th August and a Come Dancing evening on 28th October. Joanna handed round the June and July birthday cards. Future Plans: Our August Social will be on Thursday 10th August 6pm -9pm for Fizz, Fun and Garden Games at Susan's - members were asked to sign up for this if they can attend. There will be finger food and a chocolate treasure hunt, also, gazebo's for shelter if the weather is inclement! Gerry will host a Chain Reaction Games Night in the Community Room in October - date t.b.c. Our next meeting is on September 14th, the speaker will be Lucy Allen - a stuntwoman. Sarah will give the VOT. The competition is a doll. As tradition, it will be the Committee ladies to help with the teas. In AOB, Joanna reminded members that will be having a Crafts & Gifts stall at the October meeting. Joanna introduced Suzi Clarke who proceeded to entertain members with her guitar and stories of her eventful life including working for the Chicken Shed theatre. Gerry gave the VOT. The competition (a butterfly) was won by Sue Crawley with an intricate lace one from Bruges. The raffle was drawn. Joanna reminded members of the outings and our August Social and the date of the next meeting! We closed with the National Anthem.