

OCTOBER 2022

Joanna opened the meeting by welcoming everyone especially 4 visitors, Pat Pooley, Antonella Meli, Sally Maclean and Alison ??? We then sung Jerusalem. Apologies were received from Jill Stocks, Jenny Godfrey, Annagret Hicks, Ruth Herman, Judy Kiln, Lesley Lewis and Nancy Taffs. The September minutes were on the table for viewing. In Matters Arising Joanna mentioned the Smallford Station Event Refreshments which although quieter than in previous years still made a profit of £65 of which £25 will be donated to the station charity. Joanna told the members that the Mymmswood Group Meeting was well attended and had a jolly good speaker and asked if anyone would like to take over the role of Group Leader now that Debbie has resigned - but no-one was interested in this. The Chain Reaction Tea at Veronica's was a great success raising £75 for funds - Joanna thanked Veronica for being a terrific hostess. She then reminded members to ensure that they have signed the permission form and checked that their details were correct so that our Phone Tree could be produced. There was only one item of Correspondence; Debbie again mentioned the County Annual Council Meeting on 15th October - Gerry will be our delegate at this but members could also attend by purchasing Observer tickets at £12 as shown in County News. Joanna drew members attention to various articles in this month's County News including Ruth's article on p.4 for which Ruth would like feedback. The two notes in the Suggestion & Feedback box from our last meeting were an afternoon tea at the Potting Shed in St. Albans which we thought we would organise for January or February - members agreed with this as something to cheer up a Winters day. Also a visit to the Hitchin Lavender fields which we would have to do in the Summer when the lavender is at it's best. Joanna also explained that it doesn't have to be a Committee member who organises an outing, any member could do so, but a Committee member would support if necessary. The Book Club will be meeting on 2nd November at Susan's. The Drama Club are meeting on 19th Oct to discuss their piece for our December meeting; Joanna welcomed anyone else to join them, there is no commitment at this stage. Gerry has arranged a minibus outing for Wed 21st December 7-10pm to see the local Christmas lights along with a visit to a pub - a sign up sheet was available for those interested. Sue R reported that there is a Town Twinning barn dance on 29th October. Susan spoke about our Vinted account needing more items to sell now that we have been successful in selling two pieces. Future Plans: Christmas Meal Out at the Sibthorpe Arms 7 for 7.30pm - the menu options are now available at £22 or £26 which includes a tip. Members were asked to pay by bank transfer or cheque before or at the November meeting. Next meeting is November 10th, the speaker is Gaye Illsley on Lasting Power of Attorney. Gerry will give the VOT. Elizabeth and Iris will help Veronica with the teas and the competition is something lacy! In A.O.B. Jackie spoke about the Good Neighbours Scheme and asked for more volunteers for this worthwhile charity. There is to be a meeting regarding the many housing development proposals which are currently flooding the village. This will be at the Village Hall on Friday 28th October at 7pm. Members were advised that we will be collecting items for the Christmas Hampers raffle again. Then Joanna introduced Pete Butchers who gave an enthusiastic talk and presentation on Badgers and how we can protect them. Badgers favourite food are earthworms (and also peanut butter!) Pam Crofts gave the VOT and after refreshments the raffle was drawn. Sue Andrews? Won the competition with? Joanna recapped dates of events and after singing God save the King (for the first time!) Joanna closed the meeting.