



28 March 2019 – Second meeting of the year for the Over Peover branch.

The meeting opened with some sad news that one of our long-standing members had passed away. She was a lovely lady, always willing to help in any way she could, we shall miss her. A minute's silence was held followed by the singing of Jerusalem.

26 members attended along with 4 visitors.

Various reports were given including a summary of a most interesting talk at the Cheshire Federation WI Annual Council Meeting by Beth Tweddle of her experiences as an Olympic gymnast.

More talk and preparations for the Cheshire Show including volunteers to make Bun Loaves for which Over Peover WI has an excellent reputation! Members were invited to a summer outing to Marbury Park (near Northwich). Details of trips to the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool and David Austin Roses in Wolverhampton were given along with arrangements for the Easter Flower Classes.

It was reported that the Reading Club was going well and the Embroidery Classes were up and running. Dates for the monthly walks in the Cheshire area would be circulated soon.

This month's speakers were Graeme and Naomi Simister who are volunteers for the Children's Adventure and Farm Trust which is based just outside Lymm. Graeme explained how the Trust was formed back in 1985 by Tim Grundy, who wanted to give children with a disability, a life-threatening illness or from poor backgrounds, the chance to have a holiday in the countryside. The farm is an old manor house which has been developed to create a magical experience for children to enjoy. A video showing the children enjoying various activities during their stay certainly captured the hearts of the audience.

The evening ended with the traditional Tea and cakes.

If you are interested in joining, look out for the notices and come along to the Village Hall, last Thursday in the month. It's a great way to meet local ladies and if you don't want to come by yourself just contact our president June Leach, june_leach48@yahoo.co.uk, and we'll make sure you receive a warm welcome.