

30 January 2020– first meeting of the year.

Ahead of this meeting and in readiness for the speaker, ladies had been asked to bring their mobile phones along. Annual subscriptions all paid, President June Leach welcomed the 28 members and she asked that during the business part of the meeting they ensure their phones were on silent.

After a rousing rendition of Jerusalem, the first for this year, the President agreed the minutes from the last meeting and moved on to the matters arising.

Plans were already underway to select a venue for the 2020 AGM and Christmas dinner; Wilmslow Golf Club had been excellent and Knutsford Golf Club was on the shortlist. The committee would discuss this further, reporting back to members with their recommendation.

Rosalind Jackson provided an overview of the finances explaining how the subscriptions were allocated.

The 2020 calendar was busy with numerous events already planned:

**Group News** – Ingrid Phillips informed members that the Spring Group meeting would be at Chelford Village Hall on April 21. The Speaker will be Tricia Stewart, one of the original calendar girls, tickets cost £5.00 each. This is an open meeting and as such members can bring family and friends. OP will be hosting the event. The Cheshire group is organising a talk by Carrie de Silva about women titled ‘How we got here, where are we going’ during May at the Methodist Church Mobberley.

#### **Future Events included**

- Chester Cathedral for the Centenary Concert on February 25
- Spring Flower arranging classes on March 24 and April 7 in the Village Hall.
- WI Walks - dates have been set for each month of the year.
- Embroidery classes are now up and running and Angela Eccles welcomed anyone interested.
- The Reading group will be meeting
- The Cheshire Show, June 16 and 17, planning was underway, and members are encouraged to enter.

**Hall News** – some new windows had been fitted, the old curtains spruced up and the electrical work completed. All agreed it was an improvement.

Joanne Whitehead was then invited to present. Joanne was seconded to the fraud squad having been injured during front line policing. Her subject was “Security in the Home” and it focussed on how easily fraudsters can steal personal details. She explained the shopping list that thieves work to and how they obtain data. The need to ensure computers have firewalls, the pitfalls of using public WIFI’s, the importance of looking after your passport and maintaining security of mobile phones. She encouraged members to introduce some simple measures of protection; screen lock phones (by fingerprint, face recognition or PIN). Record the unique IMEI code by entering \*#06# into the phone keypad. This code is used by police to track phones. Be vigilant when using social media and cautious when strangers ask questions.

It was a fascinating talk. Having taken heed of the dangers and secured their phones, the group was ready a cup of tea and the delicious refreshments.