

26th January 2023– first meeting of the year.

The Vice President, welcomed 23 members and one visitor.

Apologies were given and the minutes of the **last meeting** were taken as read.

Matters Arising – The AGM and Christmas meal were very good, and the members voted to return to the Wilmslow Golf Club for 2023 and accepted that it would be a week earlier than usual – Thursday, 23rd November 2023.

Correspondence – A card was received from the President wishing everyone a Happy New Year and looking forward to her recovery to attend in February. Thank-you cards were received from two other members.

Cheshire News – In the December 2022 issue there is a full schedule for the Cheshire Show. The January issue is about to be released and includes a brief piece and photo in recognition of the money raised for the Christie Fund from the OPWI Centenary efforts.

WI Life Magazine – the November/December issue includes a voting paper for the Resolutions and instructions on where to submit your vote.

Finances – The newly-appointed Treasurer, reported that changing names with the Bank was proving to be slower and more tedious than first indicated but it was hoped that it would be sorted soon. The Bank balance and petty cash remain healthy.

Group News – The Group Coordinator provided details of the Spring and Autumn Group Meetings. They will be held on Tuesday, 30th May 2023 at 7:00 for 7:30pm, and on Wednesday, 11th October 2023 at 2:00pm respectively. Tickets, £5 each, for the Spring Group Meeting, with Leah Higgins speaking about her fabric prints, will be available in February/March.

Members were asked if anyone would like to lead or take on the Treasurer role for the Knutsford Group

Village Hall News – Members were updated.

Future Events – The Meet and Eat lunch at The Church Inn was scheduled for 9th February.

A fashion show has been provisionally booked for Wednesday 19th April with tickets being available for £5.

Walking Group –The Walk Leader had sent a message that she would shortly be issuing the dates for the walks via the WhatsApp Group. Anyone considering joining the walking group can ask to be included and should contact the Walk Leader.

A.O.B.

- The flower classes would be on Tuesday 28th March and Tuesday 18th April 2023.
- Copies of the 2023 OPWI programme were distributed at the meeting.
- The centenary cookbook and activities at the Open Day had raised £2,800 and a cheque had been presented to The Christie Trust at a special event early in December. To date, 325 cookbooks have been sold and a further donation would be made to The Christie bringing the total to more than £3,000.

Talk

Gail Robinson, with Jean, her profoundly deaf friend, gave a fascinating talk on Hearing Dogs and the Charity which provides them at no charge to the deaf person for 'life-changing partnerships'. Members were even taught the signing alphabet. Brilliant!

The evening ended with members enjoying delicious cakes and tea – the perfect end to a very interesting evening.