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MONTHLY MEETING

23rd February 2023

The President, welcomed 24 members and a visitor.

There was no singing of **Jerusalem** as the piano has suffered too much from damp. The President appealed for anyone who might know of an electric piano for which we might place a bid.

The President provided the annual Health and Safety reminder of emergency Exit points and thanked those who had set up the room and put on the heaters to make it warm.

The minutes of the **last meeting** were taken as read.

Matters Arising – The AGM and Christmas meal have been confirmed at the Wilmslow Golf Club on Thursday, 23rd November 2023.

Correspondence – A thank you card has been received from the previous Secretary for the vouchers given her after her many years of duty. Last month's speaker sent thanks for the donation.

CFWI and Cheshire News

Royal Cheshire Show – 20-21 June – "Once upon a Time" Theme

Further information and requests for volunteers will be presented next month.

CFWI Activities

Several flyers for activities were made available at the meeting. Anyone interested in any of the following need to notify the Secretary by **2 March** for coordinated applications:

1. CFWI Annual Council Meeting at Winsford at 7.30 on 29 March with Paul Whittaker OBE as speaker.
2. Jigsaw Race on Monday 27 March
3. Quiz for teams of 4 - preliminary rounds at several locations in April
4. Green Dot Day on Saturday 22 April in Chester
5. 30-minute boat trip and lunch at Chester on 28 April
6. Two-day workshop in May to create a character doll

NFWI News and Life Magazine

1. Competition to write a letter of no more than 500 words explaining how WI has impacted them as an individual. Entries by 28 July.
2. Invitation to make a birthday card for a Royal member of the WI.

Finances – The Treasurer reported on the finances.

With effect from April 2023, it has been decided to increase the cost of refreshments at the monthly meetings to £1. Members preparing the refreshments are reminded that they may claim reimbursement for ingredients.

Non-WI Communications – The new Secretary explained that contact details provided by members for the WI Member Communication System (MCS) could not be used for non-WI communications. Members who wished to give written permission were asked to complete an 'opt-in' form which was circulated during the meeting. (The new non-WI contact list is now ready and can be updated if further 'Opt-in' permission forms are completed at future meetings).

Group News – The Group Coordinator has tickets available for the Spring Group Meetings at Plumley Village Hall on 30th May at 7:00 for 7:30pm, with Leah Higgins speaking about her fabric prints. Purchase tickets for £5 each at the next monthly meeting. OPWI will be Visitors Hosts for the occasion so volunteers will be needed for duty and also to provide two cakes and a raffle prize to the value of £10 (not a plant).

Future Events – The assistant Treasurer confirmed the fashion show booked for Wednesday 19th April with tickets being available for £5. Tickets being prepared for printing.

Several possible venues for outings are being considered – e.g., Emma Bridgewater Pottery, RHS Bridgewater, Wentworth Woodhouse - and may be offered at a future date.

Social Events – The next Meet and Eat lunch was planned for 4th April at Wilmslow Golf Club.

A.O.B.

- the flower classes would be on Tuesday 28th March and Tuesday 18th April 2023. Initially, small Spring flowers and Easter chicks etc would be needed for tray display.
- The centenary cookbook – 335 now sold. Christies have sent a certificate for OPWI donation and a special thanks for the money-raising activities.
- The possibility of forming an art club was raised. Further discussion on this will take place at the March Committee Meeting.
- The President thanked the two members who had provided the refreshments and the potted plant and extended her thanks for organising the raffle.

The Speaker – OPWI member, Audrey Lindsay, presented a fascinating talk on her Fashion Years from a very thorough Art School education through various fashion illustrating roles and journalism. She provided several beautiful illustrations for us all to see and marvel at. A very talented lady.