

# HOLMES CHAPEL WI

## NEWSLETTER 2021



### *We kept going through lockdown*

Again another challenging year for us all, but we started our face-to-face meetings in August and up until then we held Zoom meetings with various Speakers and activities.



In January our Zoom meeting various quizzes 'Picture', 'Mixed Up Stars' and a Fruit & Veg Quiz resulted in a few differences of opinions with the answers, but all light hearted fun. February our entertainment for the evening was a quick couple of games of bingo followed by our Word Game which consisted of 10 categories all beginning with the letter 'S'. Our March meeting saw 19 members and 5 guests all donning their hats/bonnets to celebrate our 91st birthday and of course Easter. There were various types, sizes and colours. It was very impressive the number of our ladies who had chocolate, bunnies, flowers and streamers all over their hats. As it was our birthday we were entertained by Jackie Mafi who talked about 'Sweet Memories'. It was interesting to learn where the names of our sweets originated and also how old some of our favourites were!



In April we held a General Knowledge Quiz, and even managed to use 'break-out rooms' on Zoom so we could have teams. In May we were entertained by the Baroness Bolsover who talked about The Etiquette of Afternoon Tea. She was an absolute hoot and we

had many giggles. This prompted a group of us to visit Goostrey Home & Leisure in June and try out their Afternoon Tea to put into practice all the Baroness had told us.



June meeting was a little different in that we were allowed to meet up outside so we held a Cheese and Wine Evening in the President's garden. The weather was very kind to us and we had a fantastic catch up - it was lovely to actually meet in person!





In July we enjoyed a bit of Burlesque. After discovering a passion for Burlesque, Lindsey started teaching it as part of a WI subgroup and her fabulous troupes can now be found entertaining the people of Essex and the Home Counties on a regular basis.



We finished off the evening with us all standing up and learning moves called bump, grind, tales of the unexpected and shimmy. What a load of laughs and fun.

August was our first face-to-face meeting and held a Members' Evening so we could just chat and catch up. In September Victor Crawford, a volunteer presenter for The North West Air Ambulance (NWAA) which is one of 18 Air Ambulance Charities in the UK, gave a very interesting talk. The aim of the charity is to provide an emergency service to airlift injured and traumatised patients from the scene of an accident to the nearest appropriate hospital.

October saw 16 members sugar crafting, poppy knitting and Christmas cards being demonstrated by 3 of our members. We thoroughly enjoyed all the chatting and questions. Definitely one to repeat.

November was our Annual Meeting where we voted in our new Committee and President. This was followed by a very interesting 'Taste Testing' where we tasted Jaffa cakes, crisps, jam and blackcurrant juice. The results showed expensive or named brands weren't always the best. Also sometimes the cheapest shop wasn't always the best value one.



Also in November two of our ladies enjoyed the CFWI Workshop in making Christmas Wreaths. Your wreaths look lovely ladies.

For our December Christmas Party we decided to frequent the local pub, The George & Dragon, for a lovely meal. We also had a small presentation to our Secretary, Thelma, who was handing over to our youngest member, Lizzy.



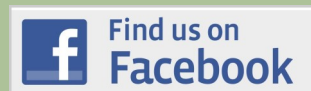
Also in December we held a Bottlebola stall in the village's new and improved Christmas Market, which was a huge success. Thanks to all who helped and donated.



Meetings are held in St Luke's Church Hall on the 4th Tuesday of each month, please ring our President Linda Taylor on 01477 533762 if you'd like to join us.

Have a look at our website for more information

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