1.  25 members were welcomed, including two visitors from Malton WI, Liz & Lynne

2. **Misba Khan “All Female Expedition to the North Pole”**.

Misba gave an excellent presentation on Zoom showing slides and a video of her trip to the North Pole in 2018. She talked about her training regime in Heaton Park, the desert and Iceland, the fundraising and the problems getting acceptance for her feat in her community. She showed slides of the trip and explained the many threats, particularly polar bears.

A documentary crew was filming the trip and will show the film later in the year.

3.  **General Business**

* **Update on Scheduled Meetings**
  + The White Hart had advised us that the Oak Room would not be available for us in August and September.
  + An anonymous poll was taken to get the views of the members present whether they would consider attending a meeting in October, if the room were available. 50% =Yes, 10% =No, 40% =Too early to make a decision. 20 participants.
  + The speakers for the first 6 months of 2021 have been booked. Jan: Jane Harvey, Feb Guide Dogs, March Paul Norfolk, April: Penny Dean, May: Ginny Alexander, June: Esme Ward.
* **Finance Report** -
  + **Current A/c** £1015.35. Savings Account - £7752.13. 2 uncleared cheques
* **Events** -
  + A WETS (Workshops, Events, Trips and Speakers) bulletin has been produced to be distributed via email through a new Members Group to all members probably in September detailing forthcoming events. To be produced quarterly so members have advanced notice to book in time.
* **Membership** –
  + Nothing to report. The support of the members is much appreciated.
  + From October the new member’s fee will be £10.75 for 6 months and the committee is aiming to do a recruitment drive so members are asked if any of their friends might be interested in joining.
  + New members joining in August & Sept would pay £21.50 and could participate in the Zooms and the walks.
* **Projects** –
  + Sewing – Paused to recover from a mammoth effort!
  + Knitting – Now delivered 200 bonding squares and 19 blankets as well as other baby items. We have received an email of thanks from Neo Natal unit and Hilary knew of a baby whose Mum was thrilled to receive them.
  + Baking – The 10,000 CakesofKindness initiative was started after the organiser watched the video of nurse Dawn Bilsborough crying in her car when the grocery shelves were bare. Dawn was presented with the 10,000th cake in York, featured on the local news. The bakers have been invited to a celebration get-together in Cheshire with press on Aug 8th but had to decline as Gtr Manchester in restricted lockdown.
* **Website, Newsletter & Publicity**
  + Last email newsletter was late July and the next issue due late August.
  + The website has been updated with the planned events from the WETS bulletin as another reference point.
  + There is also a link on the website to a recent press article about us.
  + A question was raised why DWI always before us in the Saddleworth Magazine – Alphabetical order.
* **Sub Groups –** 
  + **Book Club** –
    - Meetings continuing on Zoom, Anne-Marie managed the last one
    - Cathy to find out if/when the Conservative Club might be re-opening to move back to their upstairs large room.
    - Would need a poll to ascertain if people wanted to meet in person.
  + **Cake & Crafts Group –** Covered in Projects
  + **Walking Group** –
    - 20 members have taken part in the 2 evening Treasure Hunts, split into two groups on two different days.
    - A walk of 5.5 km has been planned for Sunday 16th August, in groups of up to 6 people setting off. There is a reserve list and possibly a third group could be organised. To advise Sue through the Walking Group What’s App if interested in participating.
    - A shorter walk around Herod planned for 27th August.
    - Members invited to join the Walking Group What’s App if they might be interested in future walks.
  + **Quiz Group** –
    - The next Quiz is planned for Wednesday 19th August
    - A poll was taken to see if members would like this to be a regular occurrence and the frequency. 11 participants – 45% (5) Yes, 18% (2) No, 36% (4) Possibly
    - Frequency: Monthly 45%, 2 monthly 18%, Random 18%, N/a 18%
  + **Photo Group** –
    - Themes for August = Food, Reflections, Pairs, Summer & Transport
* **Next Meetings Zoom**
  + Tuesday Tiffin 4.00 pm every week
  + August 19th – Quiz Night 7.00 pm
  + Sept 2nd - Andrew Nelson “Women in Art” Zoom 7.00 pm
* **Any Other Issues**
  + Suggestion than Misba Khan be invited to be an in-person speaker in a forthcoming programme for those unable to see her on Zoom and to meet her again as such an inspiring lady.
  + Members might wish to subscribe to a NFWI Public Affairs bulletin which outlines the various activities of the WI. Cathy has details.
  + A “secret” Facebook WI slimming club has been set up that new members need to be proposed to join. If any members are interested, then more details would be found.

* + **Close of Meeting**. 8.30 pm