Report of Member’s Meeting 2nd September 2020 (Zoom)

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| **1.** | 27 members attended the meeting. |
| **2.** | We celebrated the 12th Anniversary of Saddleworth WI. Goody bags have been handed out to all our members. |
| **3.** | **September’s Speaker, Andrew Nelson – Women in Art.**  Formerly of the National Art Gallery who now works for the Wallace Collection, Andrew walked us into his world of art, explaining the many clues and messages depicted and hidden within paintings and how to look out for them. He started off in the 15th century ending in the 19th century exhibiting the paintings of Botticelli, Gerard David, Elspeth and Sir Thomas Lawrence. Showing us slides, he managed to talk us through 4 of the 5 centuries, 5 countries and 5 different genres. A well-received speaker. |
| **4.** | **General Business**  **Update on Scheduled Meeting –** It was reported that SWI will probably be meeting via Zoom for the rest of 2020. Work is still on-going regarding Speakers for 2021.  **Finance**  Current Account: £911.57  Savings: £7,752.40  The two outstanding cheques have now been cleared.  3 members will be given a refund for their Nutcracker tickets.  **Events**  Reported the postponement of Nutcracker, the new date being 27th November 2021.  **Membership**  The feedback from members regarding the Goody Bags has been excellent.  The membership fee for new members joining after October 1st will be £10.75 for 6 months until the end of March. A membership application form can be downloaded off the website. We asked members if they knew anyone that might like to take advantage of this offer.  **Projects**  The knitting of items for the neo-natal unit at Royal Oldham will run to the end of September but if anybody would like to carry on, we can give them the contact details. If any knitting has been completed it can still be handed over until the end of the month.  **Website, Newsletter & Publicity**  It was reported that, once again, we had fantastic coverage in the local press.  The website is getting overwhelmed by the number of photos, this is to be condensed by a collage of pictures allowing newer photos to be put on the website. In the meantime, some photos will be temporarily removed.  It was also suggested that a calendar be designed with these photos. |

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| **5.** | **Sub Groups**  **Book Group**  Next month’s read is “The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper” by Phaedra Patrick. Phaedra is a local author who has offered to attend the next group meeting on 23 September 2020. We have accepted this offer and are awaiting confirmation.  **Walking Group**  The walk planned for 27th August, around Herod, had to be postponed due to the imposition of further lockdowns. When local restrictions have been eased, we will reschedule.  This Sunday’s Digley to Holme is on hold until local lockdown restrictions have been eased.  The Walking Group now have a WhatsApp group which you can join, just email any member of the committee.  The Halloween walk planned for 31st October has been postponed until October 2021.  **Quiz Group**  The quiz on 16th September is to be a St Trinian’s theme – come in fancy dress if you wish.  **Photo Group**  This month’s themes are:  Transport  Yellow  Opposites  Animals  **Next Meetings Zoom – All the same code: 856 9072 4676 Passcode 456789**  Tuesday Tiffin 4 pm – 8th September.  Quiz Night – 16th September 7 pm  Book Club – 23rd September 7 pm  Member’s Meeting – October 7th 7 pm  We are now looking out for Zoom speakers for the rest of the year.  Close of meeting 9 pm |