Report of Member’s Meeting 7th Oct 2020 (Zoom)

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| **1.** | 35 members attended the meeting. |
| **2.** | We welcomed 4 new members. |
| **3.** | **October’s Speaker – Frances Carlaw – The Pearl Lady**  Frances introduced herself to the members and after a false start, due to the internet connection, we then carried on with the talk trouble-free. Frances spoke about the colour and shape of pearls, how they are formed, the rarity and value of real pearls and the fact that they have proven popular for centuries. She also educated us in the way to identify a real pearl from a glass covered bead. The members asked questions after the talk which is always a good sign. |
| **4.** | **General Business**  **Update on Scheduled Meetings –** Still currently unable to hold in-person meetings – no change from last month.  **Finance**  Current Account: £599.55  Savings: £7,752.60  **Events**  The Fashion Show has now been confirmed to be 20th May 2021 – at the moment this is lightly pencilled in because of the restrictions we can’t confirm that this will go ahead.  Santa Dash – Will be taking place but must be carried out individually – members have been directed to the Santa Dash website for information.  Spring Fair – we asked the members for their ideas for this 2021 event.  **Membership**  Already 4 new members have joined taking advantage of the special offer of £10.75 for 6 months. The members welcomed them.  **Projects**  **The British Legion 11/11 Challenge**  A few of our members have decided to take part in this challenge. Some of the ideas:  A collage of 11 photographs connected to Remembrance Day posting them on Facebook and donating a sum of money for each like received.  Wearing red for 11 days.  Walking to 11 destinations in our area – more info under Walking Group section. |

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| **4.**  **5.**  **6.** | **Projects Cont…**  The neonatal blankets and bonding squares have now been delivered to the Royal Oldham Hospital and this project has come to an end. A fantastic effort has been made by all involved and they have been given a link if they wish to carry on with the sewing. A big thank you to all.  **Sub Groups**  **Book Group**  Next month’s read is “Becoming” by Michelle Obama which will be reviewed at the Book Group Meeting on Wednesday 28th October. The members will also be asked via email for their book choices for 2021 at this meeting.  **Walking Group**  The Walking Group had a Zoom meeting on Sunday 4th October and they discussed the likelihood of being able to walk in small groups. Oldham Council will be contacted for guidance and agreement and will be sent a copy of the risk assessment that had been developed by the Ramblers Association.  **British Legion 11/11 Challenge**  A member is providing us with a walk around local war memorials and war graves and along the route 11 marker points will be identified. We asked for 11 members to put themselves forward to walk 11 short walks and to take photos on the way.  **Quiz Group**  The quiz on 21st October is to be a Halloween theme – come in fancy dress if you wish.  **Photo Group**  This month’s themes are:  Special Occasions  Hats/Head Coverings  Neon Signs  Autumn  **Next Meetings Zoom – All the same code: 856 9072 4676 Passcode 456789**  Tuesday Tiffin 4 pm – 13th October  Quiz Night – 7 pm – 21st October  Book Club – 7 pm – 28th October  Member’s Meeting – 7 pm – 4th November |

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| **7.** | **Any Other Business**  The new members have been asked to request membership of the SWI Member’s Facebook page, they can then be accepted and added to this group.  **Next month’s speaker is David Allen** who will, hopefully, be talking about “The Making of Calendar Girls”. At the moment he can’t confirm this because of his technical difficulties with the film clips. However, he does have a replacement talk waiting in the wings, “Victorian Etiquette”.  **December’s speaker is “Quirky Bird**“– Lynn Barrow will be demonstrating how to make Christmas cards with a twist. Anyone wishing to take part in this may want to buy the painting pack which is £10 each (the pack will produce 2 cards). Please let us know by email if you want to take part and if you require a paint pack. It is not necessary for you to buy this pack you can just come along watch and listen.  **Committee –** If you fancy joining the SWI Committee we are inviting you to sit in on a couple of meetings, you can then see if it is for you. |
| **8.** | **Close of Meeting** – 20.50 pm |