Report of Member’s Meeting 4th Nov 2020 (Zoom) 7pm

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| **1.** | 30 members attended the meeting. |
| **2.** | We welcomed 4 new members: Eileen Cooper, Maddy Ferrigno, Ros Mellor and Gill Spurr |
| **3.** | **November’s Speaker – David Allen, “Manners Please Dearest! Guide to Victorian Etiquette”**  David Allen, entertained us with his knowledge and enthusiasm for his subject. He stayed in character throughout whilst educating us in the ways of a Victorian lady. We learnt the hidden signals of the fan, the ways and means of attracting a suitor and husband, the do’s and don’ts of Victorian life, what is and what is not suitable conversation for a young lady, how and how not to laugh and the acceptable measurement of the waistline (15 inches). A well-received speaker. |
| **4.** | **GENERAL BUSINESS**  **Update on Scheduled Meeting –** A dual calendar will be operated in the new year. A face to face meeting speaker plus a Zoom speaker have been booked for January, February, March and April. It was reported that a benefit of Zoom meetings is that you can have speakers from any area.  **Finance -** The Treasurer reported that 41 members had been refunded deposits etc for various events.  Current A/c: £471.27  Savings: £7,752.52  **Events -** The WETS team have a number of events etc which members have paid deposits for. These events will not be postponed with a new date but cancelled and rescheduled once restrictions are lifted. This will give the WETS team a clean slate when the new calendar of WETS is planned.  **Membership -** We have 8 new members.  Membership also asked if members could keep us informed of any changes of address or email.  **Projects - The British Legion 11/11 Challenge -** This challenge has been a great success and has enabled some of the members to meet in small groups to take on the task. The members taking part have reported that they have expanded their knowledge of the War Graves and Memorials in our area and that it might be something they add to the calendar next year. Family walks have also taken place for this challenge. Other 11/11 ideas undertaken by our members include: wearing red for 11 days, contacting 11 old friends for a chat, Facebook postings of wartime photos and making felted Poppies.  Donation details have been posted on our website and Facebook.  **Foodbank** – Members reminded to drop any donations into the baskets provided at the supermarket.  **Shoe Box Appeal** – Members reminded to drop off their gift box at the Old Mill House Care Home by Dec 4th. |

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| **4.**  **5.**  **6.** | **Website** – We have had good coverage in The Oldham Times and The Oldham Chronical re The British Legion 11/11 Challenge. The story of the Memorial Walk seems to have captured the imagination of the general public. A selection of photos has been added to the Gallery on the website.  **Facebook** – Members asked to share and like postings.  **SUB GROUPS**  **Book Group** – A good meeting this month with the new format of “Breakout Rooms” being liked. Next month’s book is “Bloodline” by Mark Billingham. Members have been asked to submit by email any books they would want considering for the reading list for next year.  **Walking Group** - Alison Blackman has joined and volunteered to lead some walks for the Walking Group and has already led a walk in the Stalybridge area. She has put a lot of work into this walk and the members taking part very much appreciated her efforts, so much so that it was repeated a week later.  The walking group is growing in popularity and now has 35 members on the What’s App group.  **Quiz Group** – The next Quiz Night is on 18/11/20 at 7pm and the theme is “Musicals” Fancy dress optional. You will not be left to answer questions alone but will be in a team. Because of the lockdown prizes for the winners maybe delayed.  **Photo Group**  This month’s themes are:  W/c 2nd - Fire/Fireworks  W/c 9th - Remembrance  W/c 16th - Jobs  W/c 23rd -Dots, Dashes and Diagonals  W/c 30th -Scottish  It has been suggested that we have a Christmas theme throughout December.  **Next Meetings Zoom – All the same code: 856 9072 4676 Passcode 456789**  Tuesday Tiffin 4 pm – 10th November  Quiz Night – 7 pm – 18th Nov  Book Club – 7 pm – 25th Nov  Member’s Meeting – 7 pm – 2nd December – Quirky Bird Painting Christmas Cards |
| **7.** | **Close of Meeting** – 8.45 pm |