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| **1.** | **Welcome** – 43 members plus 3 visitors of which 2 joined on the evening.Zoom Meeting – 9 members. Followed the same agenda. |
| **2.** | This month’s speaker, Anne Bromley and Turner from The Guide Dog Association spoke to the members about how she became involved in this very worthy cause and told some very up-lifting stories of how this work helps to change the lives of the recipients of a guide dog. Anne talked about the process and the trainers must go through to meet the standards required to become a trainer and, of course, a guide dog and many dogs don’t make it through and get adopted as pets. A good speaker and one to recommend. Meanwhile at the concurrent Zoom meeting, 9 members there listened to Jane Barnes who spoke about “The Life of a Dairy Farmer’s Wife”. The members enjoyed it so much that they made enquiries about visiting Jane’s farm. |
| **3.****4.** | **GENERAL BUSINESS****The New Constitution** The members agreed to the changes, and they can now be signed off by the Officers. **Finance** £9,059 Balance. 96 members. 4 new members.**WETS**  **Speaker** - Next month’s Speaker is Debbie Abrahams MP. Questions are required. **The Great Get Together** – WETS thanked all members who volunteered for this event.**A Dog’s Tale** – Tickets still available.**Breadmaking** – Still tickets available.**Dick Whittington** – 8 tickets remaining.**Grease** – Tickets still available. A coach to be costed for this event.**Fashion Show** – Tickets will be available ASAP.**Atalanta Forever** – 2 tickets remaining.**Country Life Xmas Fair**, Harrogate – We’re still awaiting confirmation.**Xmas Party** – Members asked to put their name down so that WETS can calculate the interest.**Autumn Fair** – Members asked to help by making cakes, Jumble Jars and volunteering for the day. WETS also asked for Tombola prizes.**Les Miserable** – WETS asked for a show of hands to help ascertain the interest in going to see this show. At £75 per person the members thought this too expensive – WETS will cancel reserved tickets.**Membership** – Recruitment will be restarted once things get back to normal.**Website, Newsletter & Publicity** All members should have received this month’s Newsletter. Copy of SWI’s activities is being sent to all local press. The website is up to date and a good source of information.**Correspondence**All monthly correspondence will be circulated.**SUBGROUPS****Book Group** – Next month’s read is, I am, I am, I am by Maggie O’Farell. The next Book Group meeting is at the Conservative Club, Uppermill on 25th August at 7.30pm. The Book Group reported that they had a good turnout for the first Face to Face” meeting and hope get more attendees at the next meeting.**Cake & Crafts** – A new venue has been secured at The Satellite Centre, Greenfield to start from 2nd Weds in September. The Mastectomy pillows are still being collected and will be delivered to Maggie’s later in the month. To bring scarves for the homeless to the September meeting for collection.**Photo Group** – This month’s themes are “Signs of the Zodiac”, “Yellow” and “August Elation”.**Lunch Club** – A lunch has been organised at The Black Ladd for 13th August and on 13th September they will be going to the Roebuck.**Social Group** – This group has been set up for members who may, from time to time, want to get together and maybe go for a coffee, have a bit of lunch or go to the cinema. This group will keep connected via WhatsApp.**Tiffin** – Still very popular and will continue to meet on Zoom for the time being.**Walking Group** – Very successful. On Sunday 15th August they will be walking Blackstone Edge and on 24th August the Lydgate/Grasscroft circular will be done meeting at The White Hart. **Gardening Group****The Incredible Edibles Project and The Great Big Green Week –** The members have been informed of the many activities we are involved with including the making and planting of planters and the construction of “Bug Houses”. This is a new group, but it is becoming popular with the members that like the outdoors, gardening, helping in the community and just a general friendly get together with likeminded people.Full information on the website – www.saddleworthwi.com |
| 5. | **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**The President asked the members for any feedback regarding the safety measures taken by the committee at our first “Face to Face” meeting. |
| **6.** | **CLOSE OF MEETING** – 21.30PM. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 1st September at 7pm for 7.30pm. |