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| **1.** | **WELCOME** The President welcomed members and guests. (53 members attended in person, including 2 new. 2 members participated via Zoom. There were 6 guests.) The President then welcomed the guest speaker, Brogan Crowley, and her family. |
| **2.** | **SPEAKER**Brogan, the daughter of one of our members, was a member of the British skeleton team in the recent Beijing Winter Olympics. She spoke about her journey from being an enthusiastic young athlete to being chosen from a huge field of applicants to train for the skeleton and, despite numerous setbacks through injury or lack of funding, achieving her ambition to join the Olympic Squad. She described her experience in Beijing and made us gasp in admiration as we watched a video of the skeleton run from her viewpoint. A fascinating glimpse into the real life of a dedicated athlete. |
| **3.** | **PRESENTATION OF CHEQUE TO OLDHAM FOODBANK**The President and Treasurer presented a cheque for £1,500 to Robin Birch the representative from Oldham Foodbank. |
| **4.** | **BREAK** |
| **5.** | **OVERVIEW MARCH**The meal and quiz at the Navigation had been very enjoyable, particularly thanks to Hilary’s quiz.We were fortunate to have the author present at the Book Club which contributed to one of the best discussions we have had.We made felted ladybirds at Craft Group. |
| **6.** | **FORTHCOMING EVENTS****Next Month’s Speaker** – Misba Khan who took part in the Women’s North Pole Expedition in 2018.**Liverpool Trip** – cancelled owing to lack of interest.**Fashion Show**- Postponed till November because of a clash with a similar event at Saddleworth School.**Raising Agents**- Participants to arrange own transport.**Holmfirth Vineyard Tour** – May 6th. 2 places left currently. **Jubilee Meeting-** June 1st. A list circulated for possible attendance to estimate catering requirements. Red, white and blue theme for dressing up (not compulsory).**Manchester Ship Canal Cruise**-July 26th. Lunch fixed menu. About £36 including coach. 20 min.**Southport Flower Show** – August 19th. 6 places left on the coach currently but no discounted tickets left. Gate price £27.**Chatsworth**-November 15th. Deposit of £15 required this evening or on 15th June.**Suggestions** encouraged – Sheets in the table folders  |
| **7.** | **BOOK GROUP**April 27th-Conservative Club, Uppermill, 7.30pm. Change of book to “The Couple at No 9”. |
| **8.** | **CRAFT GROUP**April 13th- Satellite Centre, Greenfield, 7.00pm. £3.50 for Easter wreath. To bring dried grasses, small paint brush, empty egg box. To advise Jean of numbers. |
| **9.** | **GARDENING GROUP**May 7th-Plant swap, Parish Centre, Lee Street, 10.00-12.00. To label plants and cuttings.Spare seedlings requested for Incredible Edibles meeting every Saturday Parish Centre 10.00-12.00 Volunteers requested to open their own gardens to members (not necessary to provide tea but always welcome!).To use WhatsApp group to inform other members if visiting gardens and would like company.Volunteers requested to join a team entering for the WI Huxley Cup (design a small community garden). A committed team of 6-8 needed. |
| **10.** | **LUNCH GROUP**Monday or Friday alternating. No deposit needed but liable for charge if cancel at short notice.Hare and Hounds, Mossley-Friday, May 13th.White Lion, Delph-Monday, June 13th. |
| **11.** | **PHOTO GROUP**Share photos to lift spirits. Sue Russell setting themes. This month-Easter. |
| **12.** | **SOCIAL GROUP**Meeting once a fortnight at Abaco in Uppermill at 11.00 am for chat. Next meeting April 12th. |
| **13.** | **TUESDAY TIFFIN**On Zoom 4.00pm. |
| **14.** | **WALKING GROUP**Birdwatching at Dovestone-April 10th. Meet in car park. Few spaces left. Pay £10 cash on the day. Bring binoculars. Share cars if possible.Greenfield evening walk-April 19th, 6.00pm. Meet at The Clarence. 4.5 miles.Request for volunteers to be fire look-out at Dovestone. April-June. This is not onerous and any help will be welcome. Let Sue know if you are interested. |
| **15.** | **RAFFLE**This is for charitable purposes. |
| **16.** | **NEXT MEETING**Wednesday, 4th May-Misba Khan |
| **17.** | **MEDECINE FOILS, FLOWER FUND, CARDS & CAKE**A box is outside for collecting medicine foils which are appreciated.The Flower Fund is a separate collection for gifts for members who are ill.Donations from cards or cake will also go to the Flower Fund. Please slice and wrap cake. |
| **18.** | **THANK YOU**The President thanked all members and visitors, Linda and her team and Richard for the audio. |
| **19.** | **CLOSE**The meeting closed at 9.30. |

Approved as a true record by the committee on 20/04/2022

Signed…………………………………………………………………………………. Pam Armstrong, President