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| **1.** | **WELCOME**  Angie Bradley stood in for the President to open the meeting and welcomed members and guests.  Members: 55 and Guests: 8 (one of which is a former member) |
| **2.** | **SPEAKER**  Sarah Kelly spoke about her role as a Press Officer for GMP during the Shipman Investigation. Sarah did a fantastic job of covering various aspects of the investigation from different perspectives and was very engaging. Angie thanked Sarah for a wonderful talk |
| **3.** | **BREAK** |
| **4.** | **2nd SPEAKER**  After the break Sarah Higgins gave an informative talk about the menopause and other pelvic health issues. It was evident that Sarah has a lot of expertise in this area and she left a flyer for the physiotherapy treatment she provides which we can share with all members. |
| **5.** | **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**  **Wine Tasting at White Hart** – July 21st. £15- only a few tickets remaining.  **Manchester Ship Canal Cruise** - July 26th, £33, balance now due July, places are available if members wish to bring a family member or a friend.  **Southport Flower Show** – August 19th. Places on larger coach still available and members are welcome to bring a friend.  **Saddleworth Cookery School Cocktails and Canapes** – October 10th - £55.  **Autumn Fair** – October 15th, Sacred Heart Church, Uppermill.  **Jersey Boys** – October 19th 2pm. £47, Manchester Opera House, 7 places left.  **Chatsworth** - November 15th £26 house, £12-13 coach, 10 seats available on the coach  **Manchester Recycling Plant** –Visits include an Informative talk, interest in attending is being assessed.  **Group Holiday** – expressions of interest are being explored. |
| **6.** | **BURSARY**  Denise Farrow spoke about the Level 3 counselling course she completed and how she has been able to put those skills into practice and found it very rewarding.  Pat Leeson spoke about the hat making course she completed and brought the gorgeous hat she made with her to show the group. |
| **7.** | **BOOK GROUP**  July 27th - Conservative Club, Uppermill, 7.30pm. “Normal People” by Sally Rooney. |
| **8.** | **CRAFT GROUP**  July 13th - Satellite Centre, Greenfield, 7.00pm. Macrame Hanging Planter. |
| **9.** | **GARDENING GROUP**  Work on the community garden has progressed really well and the garden is being entered in the Saddleworth Parish Council Gardening Competition in addition to the Huxley Cup. The efforts of the ladies who have worked hard on the garden have been recognised and rewarded with a £70 donation from the Methodist Church Ladies Group which is being used to fund a bench. Jean Phillips thanked everyone involved for all their hard work and for all the items donated so far.  Reminder of the Open Garden Event in Dobcross Saturday July 9th, tickets are £5 and are available from various places. |
| **10.** | **PHOTO GROUP**  July themes – Great British Summer.  Sue thanked members for the wonderful photos of the Queens Jubilee and the Saddleworth Band Contest events. |
| **11.** | **SOCIAL GROUP**  Meeting once a fortnight at Abaco in Uppermill at 11.00 am for chat. Next meetings July 19th & August 2nd. |
| **12.** | **WALKING GROUP**  Dobcross Open Gardens July 9th. Meeting at 10.30am at Dobcross Church.  Evening walk – Uppermill to Diggle Circular, Thursday July 21st. Meeting outside the swimming baths at 6.30pm. |
| **13.** | **LUNCH GROUP**  Roaches Lock, Mossley - Friday, July 15th. Free parking available if registration number given at the pub.  Three Crowns, Austerlands – Monday, August 15th. |
| **14.** | **OVERVIEW MAY**  The Lunch Club met at the White Lion in Delph, just eight members attended this time which was a smaller group than usual. The Ripponden walk was cancelled due to lack of numbers as was the July 5th social group coffee morning. The “quirky bird” craft session went very well with brilliant results. |
| **15.** | **MEDICINE FOILS, FLOWER FUND, CARDS & CAKE**  We are continuing to collect medicine foils.  Bucket provided for Flower Fund.  Ellen Hoyland brought 70 new cards she had made as the stock was running low, donations from cards (£1) will also go to the Flower Fund. |
| **16,** | **RAFFLE** |
| **17.** | **NEXT MEETING**  Denise provided details of the next meeting Wednesday, August 3rd,7.30pm. Guest speaker Baerbel Grayson – Life with and without the Berlin Wall. |
| **18.** | **THANK YOU**  Denise thanked all members and visitors, she also thanked Ellen for making the cards and Linda for her help with setting up the venue. |
| **19.** | **CLOSE**  The meeting closed at 9.30. |

Approved as a true record by the committee on 20/07/2022

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