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| **1.** | **WELCOME**  The President welcomed members and guests.  Members: 61, new members: 3 (one prior member Angela Barnes), visitors: 5  Flowers and a card were presented to Karen Kilgannon now Spelman to acknowledge her marriage.  The President then welcomed Baerbel Grayson the guest speaker. |
| **2.** | **SPEAKER**  Baerbel Grayson spoke about growing up in West Germany when the Berlin Wall separated the West and East regions of the City and her adult life as a German Teacher at Bluecoat School. Her memories of the inhumane treatment the then Soviet communist leadership levied against their own people and her experiences as a teacher taking Oldham pupils to visit Berlin were fascinating and balanced well with a sprinkle of humour. |
| **3.** | **BREAK** |
| **4.** | **BURSARY**  The President reminded members of the opportunity to apply for a Bursary, the deadline for applications being the next meeting the 7th September. |
| **5.** | **JULY OVERVIEW**  The wine tasting and Manchester cruise were both very successful events receiving excellent feedback. The lunch group met at the Roaches Lock in Mossley which was very well received and the craft group had a lot of fun making macrame plant holders. |
| **5.** | **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**  **Southport Flower Show** – August 19th. Places are available on the coach and members are welcome to bring a friend subject to payment being made straightaway.  **Saddleworth Cookery School Cocktails and Canapes** – October 10th - £55, maximum 36 people.  **Autumn Fair** – October 15th, Sacred Heart Church, Uppermill, volunteers needed to staff the event.  **Jersey Boys** – October 19th 2pm. £47, Manchester Opera House.  **Chatsworth** - November 15th £26 house, £12-13 coach, seats are still available on the coach  **Fashion Show** – November 24th, Dobcross Band Club.  **Christmas Party** – December 10th, Dobcross Band Club. |
| **6.** | **BOOK GROUP**  August 24th - Conservative Club, Uppermill, 7.30pm. “The Binding” by Bridget Collins. |
| **7.** | **LUNCH GROUP**  August 15th – The Three Crowns, Scouthead, 12.00pm. September 16th – The Huntsman, Holmfirth. |
| **8.** | **CRAFT GROUP**  August 10th - Satellite Centre, Greenfield, 7.00pm. Card making.  The September and October groups will focus on items to sell at the autumn fair. Jumble jars and other craft items will also be needed for the WI stall at the autumn fair. |
| **9.** | **GARDENING GROUP**  The community garden is complete and the team have been successful with their entry in the Saddleworth in Bloom competition and earned a ‘highly commended’ award. The garden is being entered in the Huxley Cup competition next and help is needed to prepare the application which requires a summary of the theory behind the approach taken, a visual design and a garden name. |
| **10.** | **PHOTO GROUP**  July themes – something you love |
| **11.** | **SOCIAL GROUP**  Meeting once a fortnight at Abaco in Uppermill at 11.00 am for coffee and a chat. Next meetings August 9th & 23rd. |
| **12.** | **WALKING GROUP**  Denshaw circular to Ogden Reservoir.Meeting at 10.00am at The Rams Head, Denshaw.  Evening walk – Lydgate and Grasscroft, Tuesday 16th August. Meeting at The White Hart Lydgate at 6.30pm ending with drinks in The White Hart. |
| **15.** | **MEDICINE FOILS, FLOWER FUND, CARDS & CAKE**  We are continuing to collect medicine foils to recycle.  Bucket provided for Flower Fund donations.  Donations from handmade cards (£1 each) will also go to the Flower Fund. |
| **16,** | **RAFFLE** |
| **17.** | **NEXT MEETING**  Wednesday September 7th,7.30pm. Guest speaker Babs Bray – A-Z of Decluttering.  Bursary applications.  Details of our Anniversary TBC. |
| **18.** | **THANK YOU**  The President thanked the committee, the membership team and Vicky, Linda’s daughter for the venue. |
| **19.** | **CLOSE**  The meeting closed at 9.30. |

Approved as a true record by the committee on17/08/2022

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