

## **THE HARBOUR W.I.**

Another 6 New Members joined the Harbour W.I. on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Together with 67 existing Members and 6 visitors, there were a bumper number of Ladies at the Meeting.

After welcoming everyone, President Freda Stalker asked for a 1 minute silence in memory of Member, Daphne Raine, who died recently.

The Meeting continued with the President's report, Correspondence Secretary's report and the Financial Statement before Social Secretary, Gill Nokes, reminded the Ladies of upcoming events in the Social Calendar.

The very popular 'Coffee at the Grand' is scheduled again for the 28<sup>th</sup> February, Tea and a 'Bring and Buy' at the Langham Hotel on the 28<sup>th</sup> March and Debenhams are staging a free Fashion Show with refreshments on the 7<sup>th</sup> April.

There are also a limited number of seats available to visit HighClere, the venue of 'Downton Abbey', on 26<sup>th</sup> April and a trip to Wimbledon including tea and a tour round the Museum on the 6<sup>th</sup> May. Busy right up to the Spring!

The Speaker, John Henty, surprised the Ladies by telling them about his subject, Mabel Lucie Attwell, having lived in Easbourne for a short time in Ocklinge Manor. It unfolded that she was a fascinating and very brave Lady for her time. She started a one-woman business with her art and stories which are still much sought after today nearly 50 years after her death at the age of 85, when she was still working!

After thanking the Speaker for his very informative and amusing talk President, Freda Stalker, told the Ladies that very sadly, because of family health problems, she was standing down. Social Secretary, Gill Nokes agreed to take over as President until November. Freda was thanked for her leadership over the last 15 months and presented with flowers and wine.

The Craft Club met on Monday, February 21st to make Easter Cards under the instructions of Chris French. They meet every third Monday of the month in Pevensey Bay Baptist Church Hall at 2pm and will be continuing with Easter Cards next month.

The Ten Pin Bowling Club will meet at Lloyds Lanes on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> March.

The Harbour W.I. meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month in the Sovereign Suite of the Sovereign Yacht Club at 2pm.

March's Meeting will be an explanation on why we should recycle by E.B.C., followed by Linda Bostock talking about 'Herbal Remedies'.

The Membership for The Harbour W.I. has reached a maximum for the premises where it is held, but there is a waiting list for anybody who wishes to join in the future.

**VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

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