

THE HARBOUR W.I.

Staff from St Wilfrid's Hospice gave the Ladies of the Harbour W.I. a much better insight into the work that they do when they came to talk to them on Monday the 11th April. A video featuring 'Eric and Yvonne' showed that they can make a great deal of difference to the quality of people's lives.

With a vast area covering a population of approximately 230,000 people, they provide day therapy, home care and short term stays for terminally ill people. There is no charge for this service and they rely mainly on donations and fund raising. With a new building to be erected in the near future, they hope to double the number of beds and update and improve facilities. Their slogan: - 'A New Hospice – A new Generation of Care' explains it all.

After the break, Rosalind Bambridge told the 63 Members (4 of them new members) and 2 Visitors about the Federation's A.G.M. which was held at Bexhill. She said it was well attended and very enjoyable. The speakers were the Head-Keeper at Drusilla's and Steve Leonard, a vet who has travelled all over the world pursuing his interest in animal's origins and conservation.

Future events for the Harbour W.I. include a trip to Highclere (where the filming takes place for television's 'Downton Abbey') on the 26th April and a trip to Wimbledon on the 6th May. Also in the pipeline is a lunch at the Wheatsheaf Little Common on the 10th June and a trip to Windsor, to include a river cruise and lunch on the Thames, in August. Gill Nokes, the Social Secretary, asked for the July Outing to be a 'Member's Choice', with ideas to come from the Ladies.

The Craft Club met on Monday, the 18th April to 'Paint Pots and Pebbles' under the instruction of Pat Lake. There was a lot more talking than painting but some very good results. Eastbourne's gardens will all be a little brighter!

They meet every third Monday of the month in Pevensey Bay Baptist Church Hall at 2pm and will be meeting all day on the 16th May for 'Sugarcraft' instruction with Heather Hyrapiet.

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

May's Meeting will be an explanation by Heather Hyrapiet of why the W.I. has 'Resolutions'. This will be followed by a 'Quirky Quiz'!