

## THE HARBOUR W.I.

Another sad announcement for President Sandie Goman at the February meeting of the Harbour WI. when she asked members to remember Andree Lambert who passed away on the 5<sup>th</sup> February at the age of 91. Andree had been a member for 8 years and will be remembered with affection for her infectious sense of fun and her lovely French accent.

After the announcements and correspondence, the speaker for the afternoon, Trevor Weeks MBE, was introduced by Irene Scoble. Trevor founded the East Sussex Wildlife Rescue and Ambulance Service Charity in a shed in his garden in 1996 and today they receive 4,000 calls a year! They have 6 vehicles, 130 volunteers and 3 vets as well as the permanent staff of 6. He showed slides and videos of the variety of callouts they get – from swans caught up in fishing line to deer trapped in coffee shops! Badgers, foxes, snakes, dormice [Trevor's favourites] and even buzzards - no animal is allowed to suffer. If they can help or heal them they do. They are seen by vets in their hospital in Whitesmith until they are well enough to be returned to their own territory. Bats are taken to the Forest Row Bat Hospital and hedgehogs to 'Prickly Problems' which is run by Trevor's partner in her back garden. Jackie Stevens thanked Trevor for his interesting and informative talk – [with lots of oohs and aahs!!] – and he stayed for tea to answer the many questions the members had for him.

After tea [with cake!] Jan Weeks announced that the Christmas Lunch has been booked for the 12<sup>th</sup> December in the Horizon Suite of the View Hotel; and the Spring Marshdown Meeting is being held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May, in the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club, hosted by the Harbour WI.

13 members met for The Craft Club in St Barnabus Church hall at 2pm on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February to learn how to crochet and meet again on the 19<sup>th</sup> March to learn 'Iris Folding' for greetings cards.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Monday Club meet the following Monday in Simply Italian at 2pm for a cup of coffee and a chat.

The Lunch Club was at the Pilot in the Meads on the 28<sup>th</sup> February and is going to the Red Lion at Stone Cross on the 14<sup>th</sup> March.

Seats have been booked for the matinee of 'Thoroughly Modern Millie' on April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Devonshire Park Theatre preceded with lunch at Pomodoro's.

The March Meeting will be held in the Sovereign Suite of the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club on the 12<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm; and the speaker will be George Major talking about the 'Pearly Kings and Queens of Peckham'.

The Harbour WI membership has reached a maximum for the premises where it is held but visitors are welcome by prior arrangement with Frances Harrap on 01323 472649. Information is also available on the WI's web page. [www.shra.co.uk/wi](http://www.shra.co.uk/wi)