

THE HARBOUR W.I.

The Annual Meeting of the Harbour WI was held on the 12th November. The whole Committee apart from one member [through ill health] agreed to re-stand and support President Sandie Goman for another year and were duly voted in. The Committee's Annual Report was read by Irene Scoble in the absence of secretary Daphne Chamberlain; and Sandie gave the President's Address. Gill Nokes, South East Sussex Federation Chairman agreed the votes for Sandie to become President for another year!

Invited guest Dorothy Porretti from ACWW then spoke about the way the funds raised by Women's Institutes nationwide are used. ACWW stands for [Associated Country Women of the World](#) and is the official charity for WIs. None of the money collected goes to the administration costs. They are covered by the UN. It is all spent on projects. Projects, such as digging wells and supplying pumps in remote villages - so that children [usually girls] do not have to spend most of their days fetching water and can have time to be educated instead. No money is actually given, just 'the nuts and bolts' and the projects are aimed at making the lives of women easier and safer. The aims are for Health, Income, Education and Voice. Funds are raised from every WI in various ways but mostly with 'Pennies for Friendship'. At every meeting, members are encouraged to put their loose change or 'pennies' in a bag for the ACWW. WIs across the country have also been recycling jewellery, watches, mobile phones, radios etc. to raise funds. This money is then used to pay for tools and materials to improve the lives of women worldwide.

The Craft Club met at St Barnabus Church on the 19th November where Irene Scoble showed them how to make delightful little Christmas snowmen using white socks! Last month they gave the local British Legion £211.00 raised by selling the poppies they made.

The Marshdown Group meeting at St. Barnabus Church in Langney on the 30th October was very enjoyable. Delicious cakes and very good entertainment, with actor Tony Harris as Winston Churchill. The Marshdown Group meet again on December 4th for a Carol Service and mince pies in St Nicholas Church Pevensey.

November's Lunch Club was at Kings Restaurant in Sussex Downs College on the 28th November. The students waited on table as well as doing all the cooking. It was a lovely meal as always and the students were all given top marks by the ladies!

Next month The Harbour WI is looking forward to their Christmas Party on 10th December. Ann Chance, always popular, is entertaining members with 'A Musical Extravaganza'! This is closely followed by Christmas Lunch at the View Hotel on the 12th December.

The 4th Monday Club met for a coffee and chat in Simply Italian on the 26th November. There will be no Craft Club or 4th Monday Club in December.

The Harbour WI meets every 2nd Monday in the month at the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club at 2pm in the Sovereign Suite, visitors are welcome by prior arrangement with Frances Harrap on 01323 472649. Information is also available at:
www.shra.co.uk/wi