

THE HARBOUR WI

President Diane Beere welcomed 58 members and one visitor to the Yacht Club.

She then introduced the speaker Neil Peters from Eastbourne Council. Neil is the Community Recycling Engagement Officer. He came to explain how Eastbourne's waste is managed and what happens to it. It was interesting to hear that they are not only responsible for our household waste but deal with street cleaning, beach spillages and even dead mammals that are washed up on our shores.

Nothing that they collect goes to landfill. What isn't recycled goes to Newhaven Energy Recovery Facility (pictured), an incinerator that treats the waste to generate electricity. The electricity is then sold to the National Grid and is enough to supply 25,000 homes. The steam from the process is turned back to water, the ashes are sifted for hardcore, magnets are used to sift the metal [which goes to Belgium] and the rest of the ashes are used on roads. So nothing is wasted!



Neil went on to tell the members how to use the new food waste containers that are going to be rolled out from April. He had leaflets and slides and answered lots of questions from the members.

Before tea Diane told the members that the July meeting was going to have a 'Strawberry' theme and asked them to wear red. She also suggested that they could wear yellow to the April meeting? – if they wanted to! There was a list for observers for the April committee meeting; an invitation from Westham Evening WI to their Birthday Party; a box for contributions for ACWW.



Sandie Goman thanked everyone for the donations for the Women's Refuge; Nicky Clifford told Lunch Club members that she was starting a WhatsApp group for them and Sheena Russell asked if anyone phoning her as a "Fairy Godmother" could ring twice as she never answers unknown numbers!

There was a picture quiz during the tea break set by Sue Mephram. Two tables won prizes of sweets; Nicky had put questionnaires for each member to decide on a venue for next Christmas lunch and there was a majority for Cooden Beach; Frances had put forms on each table for members to read and confirm with her that they had done so.

After tea, the Raffle was drawn. The President distributed birthday cards and thanked the tea ladies and raffle organisers.

The following dates were noted:

Craft Club	Monday 16 th March
Lunch Club	Wednesday 18 th March at the Red Lion
Family History Club	Monday 23 rd March
Coffee Morning	Tuesday 24 th March

The next meeting is on Monday 13th April at 2pm in the Sovereign Suite of the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club. Jamie Baird will be bringing his 'Medical Detection Dog' Drimmie. Information on the Harbour WI can be found on the S.H.R.A. website www.shra.co.uk/wi