

THE HARBOUR W.I.

After welcoming members to the May meeting of The Harbour WI, President Jacquie Frost introduced Elliot from East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service. Elliot is the team leader of Blue Watch in Whitley Road Eastbourne.

Eastbourne fire station is a very busy one. They cover a large area from Brighton in the West, Bexhill in the East and Hailsham in the North. They have 2 fire engines, an ALP [Aerial Ladder Platform] and an MDU [Mass Decontamination Unit]. There are 11 fire-fighters in all with 8 always on duty.

Three of them were with Elliot to help members with advice on smoke alarms and fire prevention. Members were advised to check their smoke alarms and CO2 alarms regularly. [At least once a week!]



If in any doubt call the team in to fit new ones. This is a free service and smoke alarms are supplied free of charge. They have a 10-year battery life and should be fitted one per level.

Elliot advised members to have a 'Fire Plan' in place for emergencies. He explained how to put this in place and also how to prevent fires. Before they left, the team took details from any members needing help with smoke alarms.

The Craft Club met on the 19th May at Sandy Goman's house, the Lunch Club went to the Kings Restaurant in the college on the 21st May, and the 4th Tuesday Coffee Morning is in Seasons on the 27th May with everybody welcome. The newly formed Family History Club will also meet on the 27th May in the afternoon.

The Harbour WI's next meeting is on the 9th June at 2pm in the Sovereign Suite of the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club. Paul Lendon is giving a talk entitled 'On the Buses', followed by the Annual Meeting.

There is no longer a waiting list to join the Harbour WI and prospective new members are welcome to get in touch with Membership Secretary Frances on tel: 07914 603548. Information on the Harbour WI can also be found on the SHRA website. www.shra.co.uk/wi