## **BOUVERIE WI. April, 2024**

Bouverie WI meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 2.00pm in Hardingstone Village Hall. We currently have 22 members, who enjoy friendship, entertainment and activities in our monthly meetings.

We were very grateful to the Parish Council for awarding us funding last year, 2023. We have had some very interesting talks over the past year, as well as craft and social events.

We have spent some enjoyable afternoons at the Crown, playing skittles.

We have had some very interesting talks over the past 12 months. In April, Vicki Pearce gave us advice on Financial and Estate Planning. Members Afternoon was in May, we were entertained by a singer, then members had prepared afternoon tea, which was delicious. Peggy King visited us in June and told us about her Life in Surabaya, and in July, Barry Watson gave us an insight into his Life as a Canal Boater.

In August we booked a trip along the canal with Crusader Boating, it was a beautiful sunny day, but it wasn't to be, we waited by the canal side for a while, but unfortunately the engine wouldn't start, so we all went home to eat our picnic lunch. Let's hope that we have better luck this year. September, Lucy Swales visited, to tell us about Wig Making – Madame Tussauds, and David Skillen gave us a talk about the Gretna Girls in October. At our November meeting Lesley again did a craft afternoon, and we all took home a Christmas card, everyone got involved, and really enjoyed it.

December we went to The Crown in the village and Tonya organised our Christmas Lunch again, followed by games of bingo, we all had a lovely afternoon. On 19th December we held our Christmas Party, "3 In Accord" entertained us with a mixture of songs that we joined in with. Then followed our buffet which was supplied by members, and to finish the afternoon the Christmas Elf visited, to give out our Christmas presents.

We started the new year with Julia Doherty telling us about her California Walk . In February we held an open meeting, 36 ladies came, and we listened to Christine Farmer explaining her visit to the Repair Shop, it was very interesting. We had a very enjoyable "Members' Meeting" in May, organised by our members, when were entertained by an excellent singer, and then had an afternoon tea of sandwiches, savouries and cakes and scones with tea and coffee.

Bouverie WI support Cynthia Spencer Hospice by providing home made cakes.

We are always happy to welcome new members to our monthly meetings and look forward to seeing anyone who would like to join our friendly group in the future.

Jo Blume Secretary Bouverie WI