

The Meeting of Soulbury W I held in the Clubroom on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

Our speaker, Jeff Rozelaar, gave us a talk entitled “Bagels and Bacon”, which summed up his background and growing up in the East End of London in a very diverse community, during and after the War. Jeff was a very entertaining speaker, and told us how lucky he had been to have had a very good teacher who encouraged him to study at a time when going to University was a rare thing in his community. He has travelled the world and written a book about his life. Grabbing the opportunities he was given was key to his success and he now gives talks on Cruise ships and acts in theatre productions round the country. He told us some really funny stories and was very much enjoyed by our members.

Members were reminded that they should not feel under any pressure to support the charities we normally give to at this time of year. Please only give what you feel you can, for the **Food Bank**, the **Salvation Army children’s Christmas gifts/wrapping** etc and the **Christmas Card charity** of our choice.

Julie confirmed that the programme for 2023 is now complete. Members will receive their 2023 programme once the 2023 committee is confirmed.

Members then voted for the venue we want to have our Christmas lunch. The choices were The Flying Fox on the Woburn Road and the Woburn Inn. After looking at the menus, the Flying Fox won the most votes.

7 members will be attending the Group Meeting in Great Brickhill.

Chris Bryant thanked the members who had helped with the Harvest Supper last month, which raised £370 was raised for the Church, and further sums for the Helping Hands Charity in Leighton Buzzard, from the sale of produce.

Birthday wishes were given to Andrea Hamilton, and Emily Miller.

In November we need to elect a new Committee and Gay has confirmed that she is standing down as President. Remember to ask if people are willing to stand before putting their names forward.

Our **Christmas Social** meeting is on 7th December at 7:30pm.

Non-members are very welcome to attend this informal and fun meeting for just £3 to include festive refreshments.

We will again be making Christmas wreaths. Orders will be taken at the November meeting so we can buy the appropriate amount of wreath bases [cost tbc]. Just bring along your own foliage etc.

Non members can also take part – please contact a WI representative [see newsletter contacts] to order your wreath base in advance.