

## LITTLE BUDWORTH W.I. NOVEMBER NEWS

This meeting was our A.G.M. and after Beryl had welcomed everyone, we were served Bucks Fizz. There was some correspondence to be dealt with first of all and forthcoming events were read out. These are all mentioned in the October news

A reminder that our Christmas Dinner at Vale Royal Abbey Golf Club is on the 13<sup>th</sup> December, and friends of members are cordially invited to join us. Please contact Joan Johnson on 760422 if you wish to go and have not put your name on the list already.

Beryl thanked Sandy McKnight and Barbara Read for all their hard work and Joan Johnson for her sterling work as treasurer. Karen Hartley and Catherine Chesters are joining the committee as well as Diane Robinson who now is Vice President. Other positions will be announced in the New Year after the first committee meeting.

Beryl then introduced Jan Heys and Sue Edwards who are fund raisers for Tarporley War Memorial Hospital. Did you know that this hospital is not a N.H.S. Hospital? It is an independent charitable hospital, a very rare and cherished community asset. It costs just over £1,000,000 to run the Hospital every year. They receive 30% of their funding from a CCG grant, which pays for 6 hospital beds. The business section of the hospital which includes Respite Care funds 35% of the operating costs which means that they have to fundraise another 35% of the money needed just to keep this Hospital running. It needs to find £2,500 every day!

Jan and Sue brought with them the Hospital's own Christmas cards and wrapping paper as well as other accessories and members were soon buying these. The sale of these items came to £196.00. They also received a donation from the W.I. Jan thanked the W.I. members for their generosity. These cards and items are still on sale at the Hospital so please support them if you can.

Beryl thanked Jan and Sue for coming along and then a buffet supper was served.

There is no meeting in December but hope to see you next year when our speaker for January is Mr. Charles Hardy from the Old Station Chocolate Shop.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.