Report from North Marston Monday Club

For the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the 14th May 2024

The Monday Club is an informal group of ladies who meet on the first Monday of every month in the Village Hall. We currently have 28 members from North Marston, Winslow and the Claydons. We do have ‘open’ meetings if our talks are of interest to a wider audience to which male visitors are most welcome.

In 2023 we enjoyed a variety of talks including a trip up Kilimanjaro with slides, Friends against Scams, Pets as Therapy, The Power of Aromatherapy, a talk with illustrations of the work of an artist who designs church vestments and stoals painting on silk. We also had a very moving talk by a representative of Womens Aid on the work and services provided to support women and children experiencing domestic violence.

Other activities have been a ramble, a garden visit in Kingsbridge, a bring and share supper and Christmas dinner.

At the beginning of the year our finances were very depleted due mainly to the majority of speakers increasing their fees after Covid and now requiring traveling costs but we were fortunate to have the opportunity (albeit in treacherous icy conditions) to help collect with the Rotary Father Christmas in North Marston and Granborough and were extremely grateful to receive a generous donation which boosted the Club’s coffers.

Our members do enjoy a mix of talks and sociable events and we always welcome visitors and new members.

Valerie Price

Secretary