

## **Hilltop Report 2014-2015**

Another year in the Hillpot history!

We started in April with our usual short AGM with everyone, thankfully, willing to continue. Margaret Rayner, Val Lawes and Brenda Stannard will always be welcome as extras. A speaker from our charity Lighthouse was welcomed and presented with the collecting tin and cheque. A wonderful charity.

May was an evening outing in cars to Otley Hall for a tour round the garden and refreshments. Our June garden party was chez Margaret and Kevin Knights with our usual pot luck supper to follow in the Village Hall.

July's outing was a real treat. To Tiptree for morning coffee and a look round Wilkins Jam Museum followed by a lovely sail down the river, in super weather and on to a lunch in our private room above a great pub. A stroll through Maldon completed the day.

September was a chance for a makeover from Defining Radiance and Judy was the lucky name drawn from the hat. In October we we watched with awe as Glenda Price created beautiful flowers from sugar paste. Her cakes looked magnificent and the taste of the triple chocolate cake was absolutely gorgeous!

In November we used all sorts of paper and festive fripperies to wrap up a box of chocolates resulting in some very creative ideas. Inspired by the mulled wine no doubt.

December our Christmas meal out, and such good value, was at the Stoke Ash White Horse.

January's film was 'Frozen' a change from the usual theme of old folk's homes! No meeting in February due to the refurbishment of the Village Hall and in March we welcomed Pip Wright with ideas of how to use your bus pass when you get one.

We had the usual diversity of subjects, strong membership, a great committee and much appreciated washer-uppers.

Onwards and upwards to another year.