



At last!! A group of us met up in May for a walk through Brandon Woods to see the bluebells. Even though it was a bit mucky under foot, the sun shone and the bluebells were looking a picture. Lunch at The Royal Oak followed, making the most of being able to meet up and enjoy each other's company.

Our zoom meeting in June welcomed Shan Dobinson who gave us an inspiring talk on fostering. She explained that there are different types of fostering -

'Emergency Fostering' - when it is just overnight.

'Respite' - For parents/carers who are needing a break.

'Short Term' - 2 weeks to 15 months.

'Long Term' - 18 months and over, up to 18 years old.

A new system now in place ('Staying Put) lets 18 year olds stay with their foster family if they wish.

Permanency - You are their family.

Also fostering with a view to adoption.

Shan had fostered 46 teenagers during her 14 years of fostering. She had found this age group a great challenge but very rewarding, sometimes meeting a 'foster' child years later and being told how much she had helped them.

Anyone can foster a child, the only requirement was that the child had their own bedroom.

Very rewarding knowing you could make a difference.

Our craft knit and natter group met at The Rose & Crown on a lovely Summer's afternoon. Sitting in the garden, with a drink, catching up on what we were all doing was a lovely way to spend the time especially with the beautiful weather.

Our gin club has been revived by popular demand and will be meeting at The Rose & Crown at the end of June to sample their gins! (It does sound as if we live there!!).

It is so nice to be able to make these arrangements and The Supper Club will be no exception hopefully meeting at The Half Moon in July.

At the time of writing an outing to Chillington Hall in Staffordshire for a private tour is being arranged for August. Also an afternoon tea in a member's garden is in the offing.

It really does feel as if we are getting back to how things were with perhaps certain arrangements now in place.

All these plans let's keep our fingers crossed they go ahead.

Jane.

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