

WEDNESDAY, 14th June 2017

Coffee Morning

THE JOURNEY OF A PEARL.

Speaker: **Libby Butler**, the owner of Tsuki Pearls in Helmsley.

This was a most interesting talk. Pearls are the only gem used in jewellery that are neither cut nor polished to achieve their beautiful lustre.

We heard about the mythology associated with pearls and how they are made by oysters and mussels. They are now mostly produced by farming in tropical waters in many parts of the world.

We were shown examples of pearls being formed inside oyster shells and of the ways they can be used in jewellery.

After the talk we were invited to show Libby our own pearls to see if they were real or imitation - several of us got a surprise and others were advised to have theirs restrung.

THURSDAY, 22nd June, 2017

MAMMA MIA.

Leeds Grand Theatre.

What a brilliant experience. All the well-known ABBA songs built into a romantic story. Great dancing and singing and a good set. By the end we were nearly all standing up clapping, singing and swaying to the music. Fabulous!