



REIGATE EVENING WI

Record of Meeting Wednesday 9th April 2025

Rachel Doherty opened the meeting welcoming everybody. She introduced the speaker Jane Muddle who talked about Bags and Hats from Madagascar. Jane told us all about the island - from the flora and fauna to the people and their life. She explained how the bags and hats were made - all from raffia. She had brought many to show us and Mel Barnes and Briony Bowen volunteered to model them. Members were invited to view them in the break and to purchase them if they wanted.

Rachel gave the thanks.

Rachel then announced the very sad news that Claudia Payne had died. She sent her condolences to all who knew her.

Break

Rachel ran through the upcoming events:

- 14th April Monday lunch club at Miller and Carter
- Caxton House (Surrey National Gardens scheme) visit. Date TBA.
- 7th May pub walk
- 22nd May - Visit to the Guildhall Art Gallery and London Roman Amphitheatre.
- 12th June - Garden Party in aid of Renewed Hope
- 17th June- Coffee and Chat, Knights Garden centre
- 13th August - Summer Social Murder Mystery with finger buffet

Rachel thanked Satinder Madan for all her amazing fundraising work and Margaret Gordon presented her with box of chocolates.

June Arnold gave up an update on all the groups. One book club is down to 3 members and it was hoped to recruit more people to the group or that the other book groups could accommodate the 3 members.

Bernadette Jughdharee, Margaret Gordon and Margaret Terry spoke about their fun trip with other members to the Portrait Gallery.

Michele Hackman told members about the SFWI's annual council meeting she had attended which was on-line for the first time.

Viv Winter Stuart gave an update on:

- The Oxford & Edenbridge quiz - they came fourth
- The REWI Satisfaction Survey - 34 responses had been received and will be reviewed by the committee
- NFWI Lottery Promotion - The NFWI have not responded to the REWI enquiry about this being gambling and going against the ethos of the WI, despite the help of the Advisor
- The next meeting - this will consist of a short presentation on the resolutions followed by activities.

Thanks to

- Caroline Vaughan and Gill Hawkins for registry
- Sue Nelson and Bernadette Jughdharee for serving the refreshments
- Sharon Felton for manning the raffle table, proceeds going to our charity

Finally, we had the raffle and Rachel then closed the meeting.

Rachel Doherty, Margaret Gordon

Joint Presidents