## REIGATE EVENING WI Record of Meeting Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Margaret Gordon opened the meeting welcoming everybody.

Margaret announced the very sad news that June Halliwell had died and would be sadly missed. Susan Legg gave more details and explained that the funeral has yet to be arranged.

Margaret also informed the meeting that Pam Wootton's husband had died. Pam had sent her thanks to everyone for their condolences.

Margaret then gave a short presentation on this year's resolution - Bystanders Can be Lifesavers. After a short discussion a vote took place and 22 members voted for the resolution with discretion. Two people wished to abstain.

After the vote members of the Poetry Group read a selection of poems on the theme of spring. Many thanks to Caroline Vaughan, Bernadette Jughdharee, Janet Rimmer, June Arnold, and Ann Dale for their recitations.

Rachel Doherty suggested that everyone look at the Boards during the break for the events taking place and the White Elephant Sales table. She asked if any member had a gazebo that could be used for the Garden Party taking place in June, and thanked the those who had offered to make cakes. Rachel pointed out that this for an auction for the charity and not a competition. We do still need a few more volunteers to bake something for the cake sale at this year's garden party. If you would like to contribute, please contact Viv Winter Stuart - viv.wins@icloud.com, 07961 818 445.

Rachel then informed everyone that we had raised £186 for our charity, Renewed Hope, and that commission from the hat and bag sale at the last meeting had raised £39. She asked that if anybody had any Charity Fundraising ideas or suggestions to speak to a member of the committee. Rachel also appealed for new committee members.

## Break

After the break June Arnold and Margaret Terry talked about the last outing undertaken by members of the group 'Travel by Bus". This had been to Shere which had been a good trip made more memorable by one of the party being locked in the toilet and having to be rescued. Despite this they still managed to catch the designated bus home on time.

There was then a quiz. This was set by Melanie Ralph and called Get Connected. Rachel organised everyone into small groups and explained that each section of the quiz had 4 questions and then you had to find the link. It was a very close competition.

At the end Rachel thanked everyone for coming and those who had helped.

Next meeting is on Wednesday 11th June - Speaker is Margaret Watson - Life on a Harpstring.

Finally, Elaine Rogers announced that her garden pots sale had raised £140 for the charity and thanked everyone who had contributed,

## Thanks to

- Caroline Vaughan for registry
- Ann Dale and Margaret Gordon for serving the refreshments
- Satinder Madan for manning the White Elephant Sales table, proceeds going to our charity

Rachel then closed the meeting.

Rachel Doherty, Margaret Gordon

Joint Presidents