



REIGATE EVENING WI

Record of Meeting Wednesday 11th September 2024

Rachel Doherty opened the meeting welcoming everybody including several new members and gave a brief health & safety update. Anyone leaving early should hand their badge in before they leave.

Rachel then introduced the speaker Prof Alan Alewood from the Woodland Trust who spoke about standing up for trees. The Woodland Trust's mission is to create, protect and restore woodland. The Woodland Trust own 1200 woods and have planted over 55 million trees over the last 50 years. All WT woods are open to the public.

The Vote of Thanks was made by Mel Ralph.

Refreshments were served in the break by Pam Wooton and Pam Hutchinson.

Forthcoming activities were discussed including the Roof Garden Trip on the 30th Sept, first Monday lunch on the 7th October, a Taste of the Languedoc on the 2nd October and a Langley Vale walk on the 11th October. Liz Sands encouraged everyone to get knitting / crocheting squares for blankets for the homeless.

The October meeting will include a demonstration of Tai Chi and a White Elephant Table and readings for Black History month. It was stressed that we are looking for new committee members to start in November, without which we cannot continue. There are vacancies for President, Secretary, Fundraising Leader and general committee members. Next meeting is on **9th October** at the usual Reigate venue.

Thanks to

- Caroline Vaughan and Margaret Gordon for registry
- Pam Wooton and Pam Hutchinson for refreshments
- Satinder Madan and Elaine Rogers for manning the raffle table

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

Rachel Doherty
President