



REIGATE EVENING WI
Record of AGM Meeting Wednesday 13th November 2024

Rachel Doherty opened the meeting welcoming everybody.

Hugh Serjeant from the charity Renewed Hope which supports local homeless people gave a presentation. The charity is very much volunteer lead with a drop in centre where they can provide one-to-one support across a variety of needs. He showed a film of guests and volunteers sharing their experiences and how the charity helped them. If you want to understand more about the charity, you are welcome to come for coffee between 11 and 12 any day of the week at Shrewsbury Chapel, Shrewsbury Road, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 6BH. For further information see their website www.renewedhope.org.uk.

AGM

The AGM then commenced. Copies of the Financial Statement, Treasurer's and Secretary's annual reports were sent to members in advance and further copies were available in the hall.

- Treasurer's report read by Michele Hackman
- Secretary's report read by Viv Winter Stuart
- President's address by Rachel Doherty

The Treasurer's annual report was proposed by Michele Hackman, seconded by Mel Ralph and adopted by the members.

The new committee introduced themselves. Secret ballots were held for the president and Elizabeth and Sarah, our tellers from Woodhatch WI, counted the votes. This year will be a joint presidency of Rachel Doherty and Margaret Gordon. This year's committee will be:

- Rachel Doherty Joint President
- Margaret Gordon Joint President
- Michele Hackman Treasurer
- Viv Winter Stuart Joint Secretary
- Annie Reeve Joint Secretary
- Elaine Rogers Committee Member*

*We would love to have another 1-2 committee members. Please talk to any one on the committee if you are interested.

Announcements

- Margaret Terry talked about the trip to the Wildlife Photographer of the Year
- Michele Hackman pointed out a documentary on ITV in which the I Choose Freedom CEO talks about the refuge (*Her Majesty The Queen: Behind Closed Doors* available on ITVx).
- We will be collecting Christmas gifts for I Choose Freedom at the December meeting. the Amazon links below and also toiletries are always needed (postscript: the charity would also like gloves and scarves):
 - Women's wish list <https://amzn.eu/fjQ1H9g>
 - Children's wish list <https://amzn.eu/irYP2Lx>
- Mel Ralph announced the Oxted & Edenbridge Show quiz - we already have 1 full table but if we have enough interest we will ask for a second table.
- Meike, announced a pre-loved clothing sale at the methodist church, 9.30 to 12.30 on 15th November.

Unfortunately Nancy from Paracize was unwell, so we rounded off the evening by playing a fun game.

Thanks to

- Satinder Madan who will be standing down from the committee this year and has done an amazing Fundraising job over the last 2 years
- Caroline Vaughan and Margaret Gordon for registry
- Pam Wootton and Pam Hutchinson for refreshments
- Elaine Rogers and Sue Phillips for manning the White Elephant stall

Rachel Doherty
President