



REIGATE EVENING WI

Record of Meeting Wednesday 12th March 2024

Margaret opened the meeting welcoming everybody. She gave a brief health & safety update and reminded us to sign out if intending to leave early.

Margaret then introduced our speaker for the evening Michelle Erncourt - Gardening for Bees and other pollinators. There are 22000 variety bees worldwide, and 280 varieties in the UK. Intensive farming has had a serious effect on the bee population but individuals who have some outside space can plant specific plants in specific ways to help the bee population, even if it's in pots on a balcony. The Vote of Thanks was made by Margaret Gordon.

Announcements

If you haven't already paid your 2025 subscription, please see Michele

The following activities are taking place over the next 3-4 weeks:

- Coffee, cake and pots fundraiser on 22nd March
- Portrait Gallery trip in London on Monday 31st March
- Bluebell Walk on 4th April (note date change)
- Coffee at Canekin in Reigate on April 8th
- Monday lunch club April 14th at Miller and Carter
- Caxton House (Surrey National Gardens scheme) visit. Date TBA.

Charity Vote

Members voted unanimously to carry on supporting a local charity and Renewed Hope which supports homeless and vulnerable adults was chosen.

We then played a few rounds of House of Games.

Viv Winter Stuart informed the group that she had fed back members concerns about the lottery but had not had a reply. She will follow up with SFWI.

Thank you to Liz Sands for volunteering to organise some local walks on a regular basis. Thank you to Clare Chaney for heading up the MacMillan flower rota. We still need people to help with events and to be part of the committee.

Finally, we drew for the Raffle before closing the meeting.

Thanks to

- Caroline Vaughan for registry
- Rachel Doherty and Mel Ralph for refreshments
- Sharon Felton for the raffle table

Next meeting is on **9th April** at the usual Reigate venue.

Margaret Gordon, Rachel Doherty

Presidents