



REIGATE EVENING WI

Record of Meeting Wednesday 10 December 2025

Margaret Gordon opened the meeting welcoming everybody.

Margaret introduced the speaker - Gary Miles - Oh No It Isn't: A History of Pantomime. Gary took us from ancient Greek classical theatre, through 16th century commedia dell-arte, musical halls and harlequinade, to the present day. We learnt about such things as slapstick, clowns, pantomime boys and pantomime dames.

Announcements:

- June Arnold would like more people to meet and greet visitors. Margaret advised anyone interested in helping to see June
- Michele Hackman said that there was £941 in the charity pot, of which £30 had been raised by Ann Dale selling jam.
- There was no information from any club

Boards:

- Burns Night will now be on 27th January at Reigate Park Church
- 2nd Monday Lunch 12th January at the Red Lion Betchworth
- Walk and coffee on 22nd January in Priory Park
- Quiz and Supper on 20th March at Bletchingley Community Centre
- Tea Rota - we need some volunteers for January

At the next meeting the talk is "A schoolgirl's war" and there will be a white elephant stall

There was then a break of festive drinks and nibbles

Thanks to:

- Alice Shaw and Sue Minchell for registry
- Rachel Doherty, Mel Ralph and Ann Dale for the festive drinks and nibbles
- Michele Hackman for organising the donations to our charity - Renewed Hope.
- Everyone for their donations to our charity
- Viv Winter Stuart for manning the raffle table, proceeds going to our charity

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

Margaret Gordon

President