



REIGATE EVENING WI

Record of Meeting Wednesday 13 May 2026

Margaret Gordon opened the meeting welcoming everybody.

Margaret announced that the speaker, Helen Shiers from PSDS, was ill but Sandra White and Liz Sands had stepped into the breach. Liz told us about Down's syndrome. Down's syndrome is being born with an extra chromosome. This does not happen because of anything anyone did before or during pregnancy. Sandra talked about PSDS itself. The charity was set up about 20 years ago by 3 Surrey based families. It offers support and specialist services for children and young people who have Down syndrome. They also support the families. In 2024 they moved into a property in Prices Lane which they are currently renovating. They do a lot of fund-raising including coffee mornings and a golf event in Betchworth on 26th June. Liz asked anyone to let them know any ideas members may have on fund raising.

Margaret then introduced the two NFWI resolutions - Accessible public toilet facilities to promote dignity, health and social inclusion and Action on women's homelessness. Both were approved unanimously. It was also agreed that the delegate could have discretion at the NFWI General Meeting. There were no volunteers to be the delegate at the meeting.

Margaret then announced the boards:

- 2nd Monday Lunch - 8th June Cappadocia Restaurant, Redhill
- Tea and Coffee rota
- Whats App cinema group
- Garden Party - 11 June. This is a date change from 18th June
- Whats App for all members
- Walk - Sportsman, Mogador - 28th May
- Walk - Haycutters - 9th June
- Walk - Betchworth Church to Brockham Village - 15th May
- Terrarium workshop at Gatton Park. Date tba

Announcements:

- KSS trip wait to next year as no more open days
- Craft and Chat - Liz Sands can no longer do Friday mornings and will sort out another day and time for this group
- Gift aid forms were available
- Garden Party - please could you pay for the garden party ticket now

After the break:

We were split into groups to do a number quiz that Mel Ralph had produced. It was great fun trying to work out such things as how many on-stage deaths there are in Shakespeare's plays and placing our bets on the suggestions. Mel gave the winning team a box of chocolates which they shared with the room.

Thanks to:

- Ann Ford and Alice Shaw for registry
- Di Amor and Sue Minchell for tea and coffee
- The Welcome Team for looking after the visitors
- Ann Knox for the raffle, proceeds going to our charity
- Mel Ralph for the quiz

Margaret then closed the meeting.

Margaret Gordon
President