



REIGATE EVENING WI

Record of Meeting Wednesday 10 June 2026

Margaret Gordon opened the meeting welcoming everybody.

Margaret announced the speaker – Julian Ashworth of the Wildlife Aid Foundation, Leatherhead. Julian told us that all wild animals in the UK are in decline. The Foundation aims to rescue, rehabilitate and release British wild animals. He outlined the kind of work they undertake and showed a video of a hedgehog stuck in a can and a fox in netting as examples of what can happen. Both animals were released successfully into the wild although the fox had to have some treatment first. They have an Open Weekend 18-19 July.

Margaret thanked the speaker.

Margaret then informed members that the REWI delegate for the NFWI General Meeting is Joanna Cassidy from Dorking Hens.

Margaret then announced the boards:

- 2nd Monday Lunch – 13th July at Borgo, Reigate
- Tea and Coffee rota
- What's App for all members
- Wartime Tunnels, Maidstone Grammar School – week beginning 24 August at a cost of £10
- Priory Park walk – 9th July
- KNEPP Rewilding – 16th July
- Garden Party – Due to adverse weather predictions, the Garden Party will now take place on 2nd July

- Gift Aid forms were also available to be completed

After the break:

Margaret talked about the visit to the Children's Trust, Tadworth that she and Alice Shaw had undertaken. The Trust helps families with brain injured children. There is an open day on 20th June from 10 am to 12 pm. You can also book a tour with head gardener.

- **Announcements:**

- At the next meeting Rosemary Creasey will be running a paperback book sale to raise money for our charity. Members were asked to bring along any paperbacks they wish to sell and to ensure that they took them home if they were not sold.
- VIA - there are a wide variety of courses available
- Fundraising - Viv Winter Stuart will be organising a wine and food evening and a Burns night to raise funds for PSDS. Members with ideas for fundraising events can contact Liz Sands who will help to organise them. Helen Shiers from PSDS will be talking at the next meeting.
- The August social will be an Escape Room in an Envelope. Viv Winter Stuart outlined the concept. It will be held in Park Lane Church at a cost of £15. Full details will be sent out to members.
- Thanks to Mel Ralph for the quiz last month
- Groups - There are 2 spaces in the book group that meets on the 1st Monday of the month. Joy Perrett is looking into revamping the music group.

The raffle then took place.

Thanks to:

- Alice Shaw for registry
- Ann Ford and Pauline Cox for tea and coffee
- Sharon Fenton for the raffle, proceeds going to our charity
- The Welcome Team for looking after the visitors

Margaret closed the meeting.

Margaret Gordon
President