



## **Record of Meeting Wednesday 8 July 2026**

Margaret Gordon opened the meeting welcoming everybody.

Margaret announced the speaker – Charlotte Filcek – Cut Flowers from your Garden. Charlotte talked about the benefits of using plants from your own garden, the types of plants that make a good cutting plant, how to cut them and the best type of vases. She then created a beautiful display from the variety of plants she had brought from her garden. This included mint, wild carrot pods and roses.

Margaret thanked the speaker.

Members were then invited to help themselves to the cut flowers to make their own display. Lots of lovely displays were created.

After the break:

Margaret announced the boards:

- Summer Social – 12<sup>th</sup> August Reigate Park Church
- Priory Park walk – 9<sup>th</sup> July
- Craft and Chat – 8<sup>th</sup> July
- What's App for all members

Michele Hackman announced that the Garden Party had raised £365 raised for the charity with a total of £522 so far being raised.

Rosemary Creasey said that currently £50 had been raised from the book sale. By the end of the meeting this had reached £66. Liz Sands offered to take the left-over books to the Oxfam shop where she volunteers.

Margaret advised that she had been unable to get a block-booking for a visit to the Wartime Tunnels, Maidstone Grammar School for the week beginning 24 August. She will be contacting those members who had signed up.

Helen Shiers from our charity PSDS gave a brief talk on how they had started 21 years ago by 3 families. She gave an insight into the charity and how they had grown and become fully self-funded. Helen thanked members for all their support. If anyone wishes to volunteer in any capacity at PSDS then please speak to Liz Sands or June Arnold.

Thanks to:

- Alice Shaw for registry
- Val Fitzgerald and Sue Phillips for tea and coffee
- Rosemary Creasey for the book sale, proceeds going to our charity
- Sharon Felton for the NFWI raffle
- The Welcome Team for looking after the visitors

Margaret closed the meeting.

Margaret Gordon

**President**