



BSWI MONTHLY REPORT

3 OCTOBER 2024



INTRODUCTION

This month's meeting was a busy evening which took place in the newly refurbished Markwell Studio with 35 members and one visitor attending. The evening started with a fish and chip supper delivered from a local shop. This annual October event is always enjoyed by members.

MY TURKISH SHIRLEY VALENTINE

Barbara Wedgbrow introduced the speaker dressed in authentic Turkish national dress as she gave a humorous talk about her travels in rural Turkey in the 1990's. She had no notes and no visual aids, a genuine natural raconteur! Her companion turned out to be her husband Mustafa, the Turkish chef she bought a house with many years ago. They now divide their time between summers in the UK and winters in Turkey and since 2000 has given talks to more than 1400 WI's and similar groups. There were several Turkish items for sale – pashminas, scarves, towels and olive oil soap. BSWI received a percentage of her sales.

NOTICES

- After the break, the retiring President spoke briefly about the sudden death of member Wendy Bloodworth and a minute's silence was observed.
- The Secretary introduced the two tellers invited from Sawbridgeworth WI to oversee the election for a new President. Members voted and as Kim Henson had already agreed to stand if elected, she was duly declared President in her absence.
- The Secretary confirmed that the vote to move the Annual Meeting from May to June was supported by members and HFWI will be notified.
- The £ in the bucket raffle was drawn.
- Members admired the pennant for the HFWI meeting and Maggie Eccleston was thanked for her skilful handiwork.
- The Secretary asked members to consider acting as co-ordinators for those activities currently led by the retiring president. These were the monthly Zoom quiz, the Monday coffee mornings on Zoom and the Gardening group.

Finally, the Secretary asked members to support the new President and the Committee while they re-organise the tasks required after the takeover. The next monthly meeting will take place in the Council Chamber on Windhill on 7 November.

(Notes compiled by Barbara Bradbear, Secretary BSWI)