



BSWI MONTHLY REPORT

7 NOVEMBER 2024



INTRODUCTION

This month's meeting was attended by 37 members who met in an interesting new venue, the Town Council Chamber. The President welcomed two representatives from the local Night Shelter for the homeless, Richard Ling a trustee and Jeanette Williamson a volunteer, who accepted a cheque for £140 which had been raised by a raffle at a BSWI Quiz night. Richard explained how important local support will be this winter and thanked us for the donation.

THE FUNNY SIDE OF POLICING

Barbara Wedgbrow introduced the speaker Gary Egerton who joined the Police in 1969. He told us many amusing anecdotes of his early life as a copper on the beat and how he rose through the ranks in CID and then Special branch. He was a good storyteller whose funny stories about dealing with incidents with royalty and politicians held the attention of members.

NOTICES

- The £ in the bucket was drawn
- There was a discussion on future meeting venues as the cost of the Charis centre is no longer viable. Members were asked for their views
- The President reminded members that BSWI would be laying a wreath at the war memorial on Remembrance day and all were invited to attend and meet for coffee afterwards.
- Liz Brown read out her moving description of Remembrance day.
- The monthly competition will be held over until next month
- After checking the numbers who had signed up for the proposed Quiz night, it was agreed that this should be postponed until next spring.
- Members were asked to complete a Gift Aid form and return it to the Treasurer.
- The President reminded members to check the website for up-to-date information.
- The December meeting will take place at the Charis centre on 5 December when we will be entertained by the local Ukelele Band and members should bring their own snack or supper.

(Notes compiled by Barbara Bradbear, Secretary BSWI)