



BSWI MONTHLY REPORT

3 JULY 2025



INTRODUCTION

Barbara Bradbear, the Secretary, welcomed 23 members to the Windhill centre on a lovely warm evening. Apologies had been received from the President and the Treasurer. She thanked all those volunteers who have come forward to help with the various tasks in running the BSWI.

She asked members to remember to sign the clipboards for upcoming walks, a dinner date and the cake rota. Tickets were available for the NFWI raffle and our own monthly raffle plus the usual £ in a bucket fundraiser. The competition was entitled Summer holidays.

FUN AND GAMES

There was no formal speaker this month but a homegrown evening of various games was organised. Members enjoyed several rounds of Dingbats, two quizzes on food and drink and Ahoy Bingo. After the coffee break all members tried their luck with a beetle drive and prizes of sweets and little plants were awarded.

NOTICES

- Maggie Eccleston passed on information about the new Virtual WI which is being trialled by HFWI and will be available soon on Zoom
- Maggie also drew our attention to the special WI Day, 16 September, when we can apply for free tickets from English Heritage for Audley End House.
- Mel won the competition with a beautiful strawberry cake
- Barbara B won the £ in a bucket raffle
- Birthday cards were distributed
- The next evening dinner will be at Cote on 22 July at 6.30
- The next meeting of the Craft group will be 24 July, at 2pm at Doreen Brown's house
- August's meeting will be a picnic party in Anna Thurley's garden, 152 Barrells Down Road at 7pm

Finally, Barbara raised the question of the suitability of the Windhill hall for our monthly meetings. Several members have expressed their concerns but she pointed out that Barbara Wedgbrow and her team had researched several other venues, none of which were suitable. She asked for a show of hands for those members who were happy to continue at Windhill, 22 in favour, 1 against.

(Notes compiled by Barbara Bradbear, Secretary BSWI)