



## BSWI MONTHLY REPORT

2 OCTOBER 2025



### Introduction

The October meeting was chaired by the Secretary in the absence of the President and attended by 38 members and one returning member. She apologised for the delay in entering the building. It may have been the result of a power cut. She welcomed all members and handed over to Maggie Eccleston who introduced the speaker for the evening.

### “The Man on the Spot”, A Broadcaster’ s story by Bill Hamilton

Bill is a highly experienced communicator who kept all members enthralled by his anecdotes from his time as a journalist with various newspapers and finally as a news presenter with the BBC. He gave an excellent illustrated presentation which was entertaining and informative from his early life in Dundee to his interviews with Margaret Thatcher’s politicians and his later poignant coverage of the horrors of war in Africa. Margaret Reynolds gave the vote of thanks for a professional insight into the background of many news stories.

Before the break, the Secretary asked members to collect their programme cards, sign up for a forthcoming lunch and various trips and walks and buy raffle tickets. There were sales tables for produce and books and entries for the competition entitled “Spooky”. Members were reminded to pay for their Christmas meals and hand in menu choices to the Treasurer.

### Notices

Members enjoyed coffee and cakes during the break, organised by Mary Duckworth and Sara Perry

- Members were asked to make sure they are receiving their monthly newsletters from HFWI
- The raffle was organised by Liz Brown and Doreen Brown and members were asked to donate consumable prizes
- The £ in a bucket raffle was drawn
- The Secretary confirmed that Liz Brown has been co-opted on to the Committee
- The Spooky competition was won by Mary Duckworth

Finally the Secretary confirmed that some members still have concerns about the current venue and research is continuing for alternatives. She did suggest the possibility of moving the meeting day in order to find a more suitable venue.

(Notes compiled by Barbara Bradbear, Secretary BSWI)