



## BSWI MONTHLY REPORT

6 NOVEMBER 2025



### Introduction

The monthly meeting was attended by 33 members and one guest. The President welcomed them to the final meeting at the current venue and confirmed that from January 2026, the meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at the newly refurbished Water Lane United Reformed Church. She thanked members for their support and she and the Committee feel sure that this venue will prove to be an excellent meeting place.

### Fast and easy paper boxes and envelopes

Maggie Eccleston introduced Karen Odinga from Just Sew Inspired, primarily a textile artist who teaches various craft skills in Essex. She showed members examples of different designs of small boxes, pouches and envelopes to use for gifts. She distributed templates and card and members were able to make their own festive boxes. It was a very successful craft evening and the President thanked Karen for her demonstration.

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

### Notices

- Members were asked to sign up for a trip by train to Liverpool Street and the Eataly centre on 8 December, a dinner at Host on 19 November at 7pm and the walks arranged for the walking group.
- The President confirmed that 35 members have signed up for the Christmas dinner on 4 December at the Bowls Club.
- The raffle was organised by Liz Brown and Doreen Brown
- The £ in a bucket raffle was drawn
- The Whizz Bang competition was won by Mary Duckworth
- BSWI have been invited to a Christmas carol evening at the Bowls Club on 3 December and a Flower exhibition in Hallingbury.

The President closed the evening by looking forward to seeing members at the Christmas dinner in December, a festive alternative to the monthly meeting. The January meeting will take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> at the United Reformed Church at 7.30pm

(Notes compiled by Barbara Bradbear, Secretary BSWI)