

Region Secretaries' Report for Region Briefing September 2026

The role continues to be split with Penny doing minutes, emails etc and Sarah handling the 'techy' side of things.

One initiative trialled at the July Region meeting was for there to be a report on events outside the Region meeting itself. This was suggested by Susan Haywood and, as well as recording events, should help to give a sense of the variety of activities that can take place at Region meetings. The July meeting included attendees judging the Barbara Dixon Award and learning how clubs would spend Janet's Wing Walk money. I hope that members found it useful and is something that I will continue to do.

Sarah will be attending all the relevant training that SIGBI are offering for the new website (two online sessions and one in person). Sue Challoner has kindly archived all the Region content for us from the old website and this will be preserved in a dedicated folder on Dropbox. Zoom is working well, with several meeting series using it (such as the Three- Region friendship group, Lend with Care etc.). Dropbox remains work in progress, and Sarah acknowledges people's frustration at the slow pace here. It is now Sarah's next priority.