

## .WORKSHOPS

The 2024 Committee's first workshop "How to Self-Publish" was held on Dec 2nd 2024. This was free to BWI members and an enormous thanks must be given to Cassandra and Soni for all their hard work and preparation. Print-outs covering the entire workshop were sent out to those who attended.

On the day 17 members had booked but only 11 Attended.

As our numbers were capped at 20, it was a little disappointing that some members did not contact us to cancel. If we had been over-booked with this capping, some members would have missed out. In fairness, I suggest the new committee look at this problem in the future and put something in place to prevent this happening again, as our membership numbers have increased substantially.

The workshop was very successful although a venue with more accessible toilets is needed and has been noted and will be looked into by the incoming committee.

A large amount of information was imparted on the day but there may have been information overload. Hopefully this will also be addressed by the incoming committee by breaking down the items covered in one session and possibly covering some topics separately.

It has been discussed that this workshop could be repeated for those who would like to participate again and for those who missed out.

From our January meeting, it is clear workshops covering a variety of subjects would be appreciated by most of our members.

The outgoing committee feels, going forward, that half hour mini workshops or information sessions on subjects of interest to the members could be held each evening after the monthly meetings have concluded. This idea will be put to the incoming committee.

If any members feel they can add to our bank of knowledge by helping with potential workshops in 2025 by imparting their own hard-won wisdom to other members, it is hoped they will come forward so the incoming committee can plan the year ahead and make our meetings more productive in this area.