



Valley Arts and Crafts

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th August 2016

at the Methodist Church Hall, Welshpool

Present:

Angela and Ivor Hawkins, Pam and Stuart Parnell, Hilda Fix, Parveen Nazar, Nina Jones, Cynthia Evans, Jayne Griffiths, Sue Lavender, Bronwyn Strugnell, Penny Vingoe, Mandy Britton, Hazel Smith, Peter and Margaret Eccleston

Apologies:

Tony Caplin, Sarah Hall, Sonya Smith, Sorrel Servier, Debbie Shaw, Summers/Cameron, Jen Owen, Lorry Turpin

Minutes of the last meeting:

Approved

Chairman's Report:

Hilda welcomed the group and thanked them for attending. She informed the group that we had taken over £1000 since August 1st at the shop and wondered if it would be possible at some point to have a 10% sale right across the shop to increase the footfall if only for a day or a week and asked for members thoughts on the matter or any other ideas that they may have, please let her know. She reminded member that insurance was due as of 26th July. At the last meeting, people showed an interest in Tony Caplin holding an evening where members would bring along their own cameras for him to explain how best to use them, explaining the different settings rather than just setting them to automatic. This is hopefully planned for Wednesday October 12th here at the Methodist Church Hall and member who are interested should let Hilda know. As yet this date is to be confirmed with Tony who is at present on holiday. Watch this space! Hilda also asked that members remember to inform Pam of any changes of details such as address, telephone numbers or email addresses. At the last meeting Hilda informed the group that she would be visiting the Workhouse and reporting back to us. She did go and found it most interesting. It is unmanned and open free of charge. There is a video which last about 30 minutes and well worth a watch. They also now have a bunk house operating on the premises. The Lake

Vyrnwy Marketing Association now have planning for a play area and plans to turn the chapel into a heritage centre, all of which will help to bring in the visitors. The LVMA website also has a direct link to our website. Facebook – Hilda wondered if it was possible to use this to advertise the shop more. It was also suggested that people start a conversation about VAC on their facebook page and others could join in to help spread the word. Also adding information about the demos would help and people adding more of their own work and asking their friends to share.

Treasurer's Report:

As of 13th August :-

Community Account £3127.77

Business Money Manager £3298.66

Craft shows:

Steam Rally, Onslow Park, Shrewsbury, Bank holiday Sunday and Monday

Llanfechain show – 29th August - £10 per table under cover, contact Elizabeth York on 01691828614

Llanwddyn is the same day as Llanfechain

Llanfair Caereinion show – Saturday 3rd September - £15 per table – contact Angela on hawkinsceunant@aol.com

Wonderful Wool Day, Memorial Hall, Oswestry organised by Becca, £5 per table (all things wool)

Coed y dinas 12th and 13th November £90

Any other business: Our next meeting is on October 25th but remember to temporarily put the 12th in for the photo evening until it is confirmed.

Demonstration:

Thanks were extended to Jayne who gave us a wonderful demonstration on the art of making Christmas crackers using dies to cut and emboss and how to decorate them. It was a fascinating evening and other members were interested to see how they could use some of the techniques in their own discipline.