



VALLEY ARTS AND CRAFTS
Welshpool Methodist Church Hall
9th May 2019, 7.30pm



Present –

Jayne Griffiths, Hilda Fix, Sue Lavender, Nina Jones, Cynthia Evans, Peter Eccleston, Glenys Thomas, Debbie Shaw, Tony Chaplin, Penny Vingoe, Vivien Holloway, Mandy Britton, Lorry Turpin, Parveen Nazar,

Apologies –

Beth McPhee, Patricia Trigg, Beki Sheridan, Stella Gratrix, Sarah Bradbury, Melvyn Dodd, Chris & Paul Walker, Mike Browning, Bronwyn Strugnell, Val Padbury, Lena Jones, Becca Tansley, Will Deene, Nicky Walters

Minutes of last meeting – these were approved

Matters arising -

Shop -

The shop reopened successfully on the 6th April and since then there has been a steady flow of customers through the door. Some days better than others, but only one 'quack' day so far.

The café has now re-opened and this is helping to bring people down to the courtyard. The Spring Clean Sale has now run its course and Hilda changed the display on the 1st May.

We have also changed over the themed shelf from Easter to Animals. This is due to change on the 31st May to fantasy. So, if anybody has anything that they want to go into this display, then please ensure that it is in the shop by the 31st May. In addition to the themes already announced, we could possibly include Fathers Day, Baby, Wedding. If anybody has any further suggestions for themes, please let us know.

Data Protection Act –

Despite asking for people to fill in the Data Protection Permission Form and return it by the 12th April, we are **still** awaiting the return of a number of forms. On the 2nd May Jayne sent out another email to all the members who have not returned their forms, extending the deadline to Monday 13th May. A number of those people have now responded and Jayne would like to thank them. There can be no further extension to this deadline.

The upshot of this, and Jayne did explain this in her email, is that we will have no choice but to remove your data. This includes your name, address, telephone number, email address, etc. This will mean that you will no longer receive any information from Valley Arts and Crafts, including reminders for meetings, minutes of meetings, information with

reference to the insurance that is due in July, to name just a few. Plus, if your information is on our new website, then that will have to be removed as well. You will still need to return your form, even if all we are going to hold for you is your name, address, email and contact telephone number.

As of the 14th May Sue Lavender will start to remove those peoples' names, who **have not** sent back their forms, from the members database. This is not something that will be done lightly, but we do not have a choice, as at present we are in breach of the law. The original email and the email of the 2nd May were sent out to the email address that you all provided us with. If this is incorrect, then Jayne must remind you all to please ensure that you provide us with up to date information.

Treasurer's Report – Please see separate Treasurer's Report

Members Remarks –

Deb Shaw raised the state of the opening sign for the door of the shop. This is looking extremely tatty, especially now that we have new signage at the shop and the flags.

Crafts Shows and Events – The calendar is now up and running on the new VAC website. Any information you have for shows, please forward to Sue Holt for inclusion on the calendar.

Website and Social Media –

By now, everybody should be aware that we have a new website and Jayne, on behalf of the Committee, expressed our heartfelt thanks to Penny on a job well done. Jayne said a round of applause was well deserved as it hadn't been an easy task.

Jayne went onto say that some of the photographs on the site do not do us justice, therefore, could members please send in good quality photographs to Penny for inclusion. Penny also still needs text and good quality photographs from people for their personal page. The easiest way to get the information to Penny is to send it by email directly to her. If members use their own name *@clayaround.com* then it will get to her. This updated information can also be included in the folder in the shop.

We also need to promote our website. Penny asked if everyone can tell their contacts to go to the VAC website.

We are looking at setting up an online shop in the near future. This will help to future-proof VAC and also enable members to continue selling throughout the year, when the shop at Lake Vyrnwy is closed for the winter. Therefore, Penny, Hilda, Sue L and Jayne will be getting together to thrash out the details.

Penny has very kindly agreed to give us a talk on the benefits of having an online shop at the end of our meeting on Wednesday 10th July.

As you know a lot of work has been done on our Facebook pages recently. We still need members to join the closed group, as it is a good forum for passing on information etc.

Any other business –

What to do at the end of meetings – it has been decided to have informative talks at the end of the meetings. Hopefully these will create good discussions amongst members

We now have a full list for this years' meetings, and these are as follows:

Tonight – How you can price items that you sell (Sue Lavender)

Wednesday 10th July – The benefits of having an online shop (Penny Vingoe)

Thursday 5th September – Crafting with poor eyesight (Abi Crutcher)

Wednesday 30th October – How useful Facebook is for your respective businesses (Nicky Walters)

Christmas meeting – members were asked for suggestions on what to do for the end of year get-together. Please bring ideas to the next meeting.

Coffee/tea – thank you to the following people for making drinks, clearing up at the end and providing homemade refreshments – Abi Crutcher, Parveen Nazar, Cynthia Evans,

Dates for meetings this year –

Wednesday 10th July

Thursday 5th September

Wednesday 30th October

All meetings at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church, Welshpool.

Treasurer's report

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As you know the shop opened on Saturday April 6th and there were articles in the Tanat valley chronicle and The County Times about this.

April was not a particularly good or bad month. Sales were £1,148.62 compared to £1,268.76 for April last year.

We only had one quack day that was for Jen when it was pouring all day.

We also have a write up in the arts and crafts section on the lake Vyrnwy Tourism website.. As it mentioned the Spring clean sale I have amended to the following

The Valley Arts and Crafts Shop is now open for its 12th year. Open from 11 am to 4 pm 7 days a week and situated next to the The Old Barn Cafe. Visit our website www.valleyartsandcrafts.co.uk and follow us on Facebook.

A large selection of high quality, locally produced and award winning arts and crafts on view and for sale in the shop including textiles, ceramics, jewellery, woodwork, paintings, prints and cards etc., The shop is organised and run by the members, new members are always welcome.

Get that special hand made gift; hats, mittens and scarves for the winter, knits for the young and older ones in your life, ornaments and candles, a special jam, marmalade or honey for morning breakfast, a piece

of jewellery for that special someone or how about something special for the home, a box to keep treasures in, a ceramic piece, a new rug, a new lamp or lampshade or that special painting or print, or you could even pick up a smoking dragon! Remember everything in the shop is Hand Made in Wales.

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