



## Valley Arts and Crafts



Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2014

At the Methodist Hall, Welshpool at 7.30pm

### **Members Present:**

Hilda Fix, Stuart and Pam Parnell, Tony Caplin, Angela Hawkins, Ted Rogers, Diana Rogers, Marie Ashton, Bronwyn Strugnell, Penny Vingoe, Summers/Cameron Hilda Fix, Parveen Nazar, Abi Crutcher, Clive Potter, Ivor Hawkins, Becca Tansley

### **Apologies:**

Stella Wilcox, Elaine and Phillip Tulley, Sarah Bradbury, Beth McPhee, Sonya Smith, Deb English, Pauline Lympany

### **Minutes of the last meeting:**

Approved

### **Chairman's Report:**

Hilda welcomed everyone to the meeting and began by discussing shop sales. So far we have not done too badly with reasonable sales so far, certainly better than last year as we lost the whole of Easter to the snow and bad weather. She told the group that she has put a physical copy of her newsletter in the shop member's book as well as on the website. Any member having an exhibition etc should inform Hilda so it can go in the newsletter. Clive Potter for instance is having an exhibition of his work at the Tourist Information, Welshpool from 23<sup>rd</sup> May to the 5<sup>th</sup> June. Any members who have not got their information in the shop book can still do so. All that we require is one side of an A4 sheet with brief info about yourself, contact details if you wish them to be made public and one or two pictures showing your goods. Hilda also asked that members try and promote the group more by ensuring you have brochures on your sales table at shows (these are available from the shop), wearing your VAC badge, if you don't have one and would like one they are available from Penny Vingoe at a small charge. It is also now that we need to be planning the brochure for next year when they will need reprinting. Some of the information on the brochures is now out of date and needs updating. Pam will check the text and Tony Caplin has kindly offered to photograph items for the brochure. Ivor will look into the possibility of applying for a grant to cover the cost of

the printing. Hilda also mentioned that we need a demonstrator for our July meeting if anyone is interested.

**Treasurer's Report:**

As of 22<sup>nd</sup> Aril 2014 the bank balances stand as follows:

Current Account: £1911.60 and the Business Money Manager: £1950.73

So far this year, 41 members have paid their membership fees, 10 have not yet paid and one member is leaving the group.

After Sylvia Hurst, one of our members sadly died last year, Angela has been in touch with her husband Ian to ask about stock in the shop. Apart from one or two items he has donated the rest to us to sell in the shop for our own funds as he felt sure that that is what she would have wished.

Angela has placed another advert with the County Times to go into their 'Discover Mid-Wales'. It will have a distribution of 33,000, 3,000 of which will be distributed in this area and the rest in the west Midlands where a lot of our custom comes from. It will be out at the end of April and the cost is £90 + vat which we all agreed was good value for money.

**Art and Craft in Action:**

For our Art and Craft in Action day we are still looking for members who would like to join us on the day. The idea is to promote VAC by showing them what we do and inviting them to join us. The full details were in the last minutes. It is Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> and if you are interested please contact Pam on 01691860188 or [sparnell115@aol.com](mailto:sparnell115@aol.com)

**Upcoming shows:**

Hilda and Pam have both been contacted by someone from the National Garden Scheme with regard to members taking part in Craft events at some of their gardens. She told Pam they were having a meeting last Tuesday and would get back to her with details. Pam will chase her up. Hilda discussed the possibility of doing the Llanfyllin show this year and is going to contact the organisers to see if they have changed their policy from last year. Watch this space!

**Any other business:**

None