



Valley Arts and Crafts



Minutes of the meeting held on 20th February

At the Methodist Hall, Welshpool at 7.30pm

Members Present:

Hilda Fix, Stuart and Pam Parnell, Elaine and Phillip Tulley, Shirley Morris, Parveen Nazar, Tony Caplin, Penny Vingoe, David and Marg Youden, Becca Tansley

Apologies:

Bronwyn Strugnell, Annie and Ian Smith, Beth McPhee, Sarah Bradbury, Jen Owen, Angela Hawkins

Minutes of the last meeting:

Approved

Chairman's Report:

Hilda welcomed everyone to the meeting and began by discussing the idea of taster days again. Becca spoke about the one being held at Oswestry Library on 9th March from 10-3pm and admission is free. This is where people will demonstrate a skill which member of the public may like to try. Hilda is going to attend as a visitor in order to see how it is done with a view to us replicating it here in Welshpool. She thinks it would be a good idea to hold this sometime in April/May. We could include refreshments, tea, coffee and cake if the WI or whoever runs the hall is interested in doing it and obviously keeping whatever profits they make themselves. We could maybe have a shop table to sell goods from if we can find a volunteer and a table with details about us as a group with brochures and membership forms. If you would like a table to demonstrate or could help out in another capacity please contact Pam.

Hilda also talked again about getting people in to demonstrate who aren't actually members where our own members would obviously be invited free and maybe a small entrance fee could be charged to the public. Again any ideas should be passed to Pam.

Penny asked exactly what we wished to achieve and Hilda responded by saying we needed new members (fresh blood) and attract more crafters who don't know we exist. This could be achieved through the above ideas and also by creating a newsletter to go on the website which Hilda said she

was happy to take on, a Facebook page which Penny has now produced but needs members to view it, add work to etc in order to keep it alive and maybe producing a brochure to be distributed maybe to young mums as it appears to be trendy to partake in some kind of craft at the moment and 'hand made' is all the rage. We need to be a more vibrant group and bring some fun into things by getting together and sharing ideas.

Treasurer's Report:

Unfortunately we do not have a treasurer's report this month as Angela could not attend the meeting.

Shows:

2014 Llanwddyn Day of Folk & Acoustic Music, Friday 5th & Saturday 6th September. Details will be sent as an attachment with the minutes.

Any other business:

Becca mentioned craft evenings with 2 or 3 tables each time at £5 per table to demonstrate your craft starting on 7th March at the Oswestrian Public House on English Walls, Oswestry. For further information contact Becca.

Penny has asked that members be made aware of a course being run at Penny's house from 10am until whenever! This is being led by Cara Jane who is one of the top designers in Polymer clay. The course will cost £25 but members will go home with a finished pendant. Please bring your own lunch, tea and coffee will be provided by Penny. Details are on the website.

Membership Fees:

Please could we remind you that membership fees are due on 31st March and are £20 for the year. Cheques should be made payable to Valley Arts and Crafts and sent to Angela Hawkins, Ceunant, Pontrobert, Meifod, Powys SY22 6JN. This should be accompanied by a stamped, addressed envelope if you require a receipt and your membership card to be posted otherwise they will be available at the shop for collection. **Please also note that the Insurance is NOT due until July.**

Dates for next year's meetings:

2014

April 22nd - Tues; May 29th- Thurs; June 24th - Tues; July 31st-Thurs; Aug 26th - Tues; Sept 30th - Tues; Oct 30th - Thurs; Dec 4th - Thurs

2015

Jan 29th - Tues; Feb 14th -Tues; (AGM Mar 24th - Tues)

Unable to have a November meeting as they have an event that month

AGM:

Hilda then asked that members be aware that the March meeting is the AGM and we will be wanting nominations for posts in our committee. It is important that everyone should vote and nominations should be received in good time for the meeting. Please ensure that you have asked the person concerned before nominating them. We are always looking for new blood so if you yourself would like nominating for a particular post and don't know anyone to nominate you then again please let us know. Every help will be given to members wishing to take up posts on the committee, so please think hard about joining us. The voting slip will be attached to the bottom of these minutes.

Demonstration:

Penny very kindly demonstrated how to make Kumihimo braid and members present who had a go found it most informative and it was a lot of fun. Thank you Penny.

Voting slips for the AGM:

Position	Person being nominated	Permission sought	Your name
Chairman			
Deputy Chairman			
Secretary			
Treasurer			
Web designer			
Press Officer			

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