

VALLEY ARTS AND CRAFTS

Minutes of the meeting held at the Corn Exchange, Welshpool on January 31st 2013

Present:

Stuart and Pam Parnell, Richard and Jan Baddiley, Ivor and Angela Hawkins, Shirley Morris, Dot Weston, Hilda Fix, Tony Caplin, Penny Vingoe, Bronwyn Strugnell, Sylvia Hurst, Marge and David Youden, Anthony Butterfield

Apologies:

Deborah Hathaway, Sarah Bradbury, Sally Lister, Daphne Bursell, Marie Ashton, Ineke Swankhuisen

Chairman's Report:

Hilda welcomed the group and said she had things she wished to discuss but they would come under any other business.

Treasurer's Report:

Valley Arts & Crafts	
First Draft of Accounts (not audited)	
February 13 th 2011 to December 31 st 2012	
<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
Membership £1,280.00	Rent £ 787.50
Insurance £ 835.70	Insurance £1,047.71
Shows £ 240.00	Telephone £ 230.39
Cash Sales £7,105.85	Electric £ 139.00
Card Sales £5,191.45	Adverts £ 571.00
Interest £ 2.17	Hall Hire £ 198.00 (meetings)
	Water £ 102.10
	Web Site £ 40.07
	PRS £ 91.44 (music licence)
	LVMA £ 50.00 (marketing assoc)
	Shows £ 105.00
	Stationery £ 25.25 (wage envelopes)
	Honoraria £ 50.00
	Acc Checker £ 25.00
	Card Machine £ 473.00
	Shop goods £ 300.94
	Pay Mbs £ 8,318.49
	Share repay £ 1,805.30 (from 2011)
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£14,655.17	£14,360.19
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Bank Balance as at 31 st December 2012	
Community A/c £1,086.59	
Business MM a/c <u>£3,517.48</u>	
£4,604.07	
Notes:	
January 2013 Repaid Commission to volunteers £1,415.93	
Stock in hand £115.14 (goods purchased for Unit 3 give us 50% profit)	

Richard also produced an 'Updated VAC shop report, January 2013

- Note: Top line should read:
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Forecast for all 2012			(forecast date 1 st July 2012)	At 31 Dec 2012
	Worst case (1.37 x)	Best case (1.79 x)	Average (1.6 x)	Actual
Sales	£10,832.68	£12,752.39	£11,883.95	£12,408.98
Gross comm	£3,064.32	£3,607.36	£3,361.70	£3,523.23
Nett comm	£1,898.25	£2,234.65	£2,082.47	£2,156.96
Accessories	£620.70	£730.70	£680.94	£664.88

In July the following estimates were also made:
 Based on historical figures we can expect nett commission of £1900 - £2250
 We can also expect profit on accessories (50% of sales) of £300 - £370
 Total income from the shop should be between £2200 and £2600

Actual
£2,156.96
£332.00
£2,488.96

Improvement over 2011 sales (£10404.41) 16.00%

Hilda proposed a vote of thanks to both Angela and Richard for all their hard work in producing the figures.

Shows and Events:

Cambrian House Emporium, Oswestry

The building is full of Antiques and curios owned by different dealers and they have a coffee shop upstairs (I can personally recommend). They also hold Flea Markets every weekend at a cost of £10 per day if anyone is interested. Contact: 01691652257 or 01837254769. It has been suggested that it may be a good idea to hold a craft fair in late April or early May at the Emporium as a group. If anyone is interested in doing this as a group please let me know so I can put your name on a list of possibles.

Hilda also suggested that we should aim to hold another craft sale of our own later on in the year. If anyone has any suggestions about possible venues please let us know. It was also thought that if we could tag onto another event then it may encourage more people to come. Again, if you have any ideas please let us know.

Angela suggested Berrington Hall which is a National Trust property in Leominster.

Ludlow:

For stalls in the college at the craft fairs:

Food / flower festival and vintage vehicle rally Sat 11th and Sun 12th May

May Bank Holiday Sat 25th Sun 26th and Mon 27th

Food and Drink festival Sat 14th and Sun 15th September

Medieval festival Sat 23rd Sun 24th November

Contact Pat on 01902840087 or 07779779510 patsy_ceramics@yahoo.co.uk

For stalls in and around the castle:

lmcf@dakinevents.com - Prue Dakin for Ludlow Medieval 23/24 November 2013, 01588 650307

beth@foodfestival.com - Beth Heath

Beth Heath, Ludlow Food Festival Operations Director

Visit our websites at:

www.foodfestival.co.uk - 2nd Weekend in September

www.ludlowspringfestival.co.uk - 2nd Weekend in May

www.marchestransportfestival.co.uk

www.magnalonga.co.uk

Tel: 01584 873957

Office: Stone House, Corve Street, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 1D

It was decided that we would attend the Llanfyllin show again this year. As yet we are not certain of the date but it is likely to be on August 10th. We will keep you informed.

Welshpool Tourist information Office:

They had an article in the Star asking for people to display their wares. Anyone interested should contact 01938552041

Any other business:

The shop will be reopening on Saturday 9th February and a working party will be cleaning and reorganising the shop on Tuesday 5th from 11am. Any member who has stock that they wish to return to the shop or has stock they wish to change we would be grateful if you could arrive on that day. If this isn't possible then one day during the week after 9th. We will be open for the week until Sunday 20th and then weekends only until Thursday 28th March when we will be open full time.

LVMA:

Angela attended a meeting held by the Lake Vyrnwy Marketing Association attended by the minister Edwina Hart to discuss the promotion of the area in an attempt to get Lake Vyrnwy and the surrounding area put firmly on the map. It was noted that the sale of the estate still hadn't been sorted and that the two main contenders were United Utilities and the RSPB.

We will keep you updated of any further progress made.

Change of Venue for future Valley Arts and Crafts meetings:

From April next year we will be moving our monthly meetings from the Corn Exchange in Welshpool to the Methodist Church which is slightly further up the road on the opposite side (opposite Andrew's Fish Bar) as it will save us £8 per month. The hall is down the side of the building to the left and around the back. We will also have facilities for making tea

and coffee. Please put the following dates on your calendars and in your diaries ready for the year ahead.

- **Please note all meeting start at 7.30pm**

Corn Exchange, Welshpool

February 26th – Tuesday

March 28th – Thursday (AGM)

Methodist Church

April 30th – Tuesday

May 30th – Thursday

June 25th – Tuesday

July 18th – Thursday

August 27th – Tuesday

October 3rd – Thursday

October 29th – Tuesday

December 5th – Thursday

Jan 14th 2014 – Tuesday

February 20th – Thursday

March 25th – Tuesday (AGM)

Addendum:

Please note that it has today been brought to my attention that Charles Gratrix, one of our members has been poorly and hospitalised for the last two months and has undergone open heart surgery on Friday last. We would like to wish him all the very best for a speedy recovery and any other of our members who are in poor health.