



## Valley Arts and Crafts



Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015

At the Methodist Hall, Welshpool at 7.30pm

### **Members Present:**

Hilda Fix, Stuart and Pam Parnell, Tony Caplin, Ted Rogers, Diana Rogers, Penny Vingoe, Summers/Cameron, Parveen Nazar, Clive Potter, Becca Tansley, Jayne Griffiths, Cynthia Evans, Elaine and Philip Tulley

### **Apologies:**

Angela Hawkins, Shirley Morris, Ian and Annie Smith, Bronwyn Strugnell, Jen Owen and Beth McPhee

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

Approved

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

Hilda welcomed the group to the meeting and began by asking members to ensure that they ring the shop and ask to have the rota changed if they swap a day with someone so we know who should be in on any given day.

So far, 42 members have rejoined with possibly another 2. She asked for suggestions for a membership drive. Obviously, the more members we have the less insurance we have to pay and the better the shop display looks. One suggestion was to have a poster in the shop asking people would they like to join and handing out membership forms to those interested. Pam has offered to do this. Another suggestion was to hand out our leaflets to other artist and crafters at shows in an attempt to get them to join us. Perhaps we could ask people who come to the shop, how they found us to see if our present advertising is working. Maybe we could have a suggestion box with slips that members of the public could fill in with simple tick boxes. Again, Pam will look into this.

Mervin and Carol Hurst have not rejoined as they are not doing jewellery anymore but have donated all their stock to the shop and likewise Chrissie Menzies has done the same. On a sadder note we recently lost one of our members, David Young who was 84. His daughter has also donated his cards

and other work including an original painting to us. We would like to thank them all for their kind donations.

As it is our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary I suggest we have an article in the Chronicle to recognise this and I will liaise with Ivor when he is better. He has just had a knee replacement and Pam has sent a card wishing him all the best for a speedy recovery.

On the subject of the charity challenge being held by the Samworth Brothers at the lake on the weekends of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of June, I have had permission from the hotel to put our pull up banners and our ring binder and leaflets in the corridor leading to the conference room so that anyone involved with the challenge will know that the shop is there. I am attending a meeting on Thursday night to finalise details, but anyone who wants to update or have a page or two in the info book I need to have these by June 5<sup>th</sup> as I hope to take it all up to the hotel after I am in the shop that day. Please leave it at the shop or post it to me. I cannot print it out if you email me. If you cannot put this together yourself, if you send the information plus any pictures to Pam she has offered to do this on your behalf. This should be very good publicity for us and maybe encourage new members. It does not matter if you have items in the shop or not. We currently only have 14 members represented, which is only a third of our membership. The people who take part in the charity challenge will hopefully look around the area on the Sunday before they leave and to see if that happens on Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> I plan to open the shop at 10.00 and will swap with Beth to see if we get any people from the challenge coming in. If it works I will need someone else to open at 10 the following Sunday as I won't be able to that day. Please let either myself or Pam know if you can help.

Jayne will be doing her demo after the meeting but we are looking for volunteers for the next meetings on Wed July 29<sup>th</sup>, Thurs Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, Wed Oct 28<sup>th</sup> and Thur Feb 25<sup>th</sup>. Again, please either contact Pam or myself with details.

If anyone has any news they would like including in the newsletter please let me know. I will be including Pam Rundle's recent success in the newsletter and it will be on the website.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

As of 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015 the bank balances stand as follows:

Community Account: £884.25 and the Business Money Manager: £2788.25

#### **Any other business:**

None

#### **Craft Demonstration:**

Jayne Griffiths gave a fascinating demonstration on how she goes about making her 'Exploding boxes' as she calls them. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all over a cuppa and a biscuit. Thank you Jayne.

