



VALLEY ARTS AND CRAFTS



Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday May 16th 2017

Methodist Church Hall, Welshpool

Present:

Hilda Fix, Ivor and Angela Hawkins, Peter and Margaret Eccleston, Jayne Griffiths, Nina Jones, Ted and Diana Rogers, Cynthia Evans, Jen Owen, Tony Caplin, Mandy Britton, Lena Jones, Hywel and Joceline Phillips, Penny Vingoe, Bronwyn Strugnell, Nicky Walters.

Apologies

Deborah Shaw, Lorry Turpin, Sarah Jones, Stella Gratrix, Sonya Smith, Sue Lavender, Beth Mc Phee, Sarah Hall, Neil and Laura Summers, William Denne

Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes were approved

Hilda welcomed the new members Hywel and Joceline Phillips and everyone introduced themselves.

Matters Arising

Shop

Aled was thanked for putting up the mirror at the shop. The first demo of the 10th anniversary events, glass painting with Cynthia went well and Cynthia reported she had a number of people trying it out.

Thank you to those who put out posters. The events were in the lanfyllin column of the County Times and in the Oswestry Advertiser. Members were shown the piece in the Tanat Valley Chronicle. Hilda will do a similar poster for the July and August events. Hilda asked that if anyone was willing to do a demo or special sale in July and August to contact her.

Nicky said she would post the events on the free online events page of Welsh Border Life magazine and also on our Facebook page.

Angela reminded shop volunteers to be careful with the till as she and Ivor spent a lot of time sorting out a problem last month. Any problems, sell the item take the money and ask Heather for help. She also asked that if there is little change in the till and the float tin is getting low please ring Angela so that she can get change for the next time she is in the shop.

Remember if you do a swap phone the shop so that the rota on the door can be changed (so Heather will know who is supposed to be there.)

Although there are some information cards in the shop, I.e. Cynthia, Ken, Vicki and Stella Gratrix it would be nice to have more, a card with just a few biographical details of what you do as it does

connect people to the creator. Updated pages are also required for the website and ring binder. Please print out your new page and leave it at the shop and e mail the page to Penny at valleyartsandcrafts@clayaround.com You should send the page as you would like it and the text and photos separately.

Some potholes been done but there are still some left

Lake Vyrnwy Marketing Association

Next meeting May 31st when new Chairman will be elected as the current chairman is moving away.

Brochure

A small group of members is needed to design next years brochure. Hywel volunteered to take the photos. Anyone who wishes to help and be involved please contact Hilda.

Advertising

Hilda reminded members that there was a display at the Tourist Information Centre in Welshpool last year and wondered if it should be done again and whether it was worth the effort involved with laminating photos and putting it up. Penny suggested that it would be better if there was a joint display such as Come to Lake Vyrnwy and show everything that is there including Valley Arts and Crafts shop. Hilda will bring this up at the next Lake Vyrnwy Marketing Association meeting.

Treasurers report

The Annual Accounts were presented and Angela and Ivor explained them. The Accounts are attached. Briefly the shop did not do quite as well as last year but our expenses were less. Hilda reminded members that Angela would be stepping down as Treasurer at the next AGM and it would be ideal if someone could shadow her for a few months before the AGM

Craft Events

Hilda reminded all members who are covered by VAC insurance not to forget to put 'member Valley Arts and Crafts' after their name on the booking form otherwise their insurance is not valid.

Hilda manned a shop table at the Meifod May Fair on 13th May and did very well. (A photo will be in the next Newsletter)

Bryngwyn Hall Summer Fayre Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd July

Whittington Vintage Fete 12pm - 5pm Bank Holiday Monday 28th August 2017, <https://www.facebook.com/events/421182631573081/?ti=icl>

Guilsfield Christmas Fair Nov 16th Hilda has application forms

Llanfechain Show August 28th contact June Row at dicjun@wernoleu.co.uk Hilda also has application forms

Llanfair Show September 1st contact Angela for application form

Llanwddyn Music Festival September 1st

Montgomery Street Fair July 1st

If you details of any shows, large or small that you are attending or know about please send the details to Jayne so that she can inform all members jayne@cwmllinau.wandoo.co.uk

Website and Social Media

The Valley Arts and Crafts website is a good way to show off Valley Arts and Crafts but our Facebook page is a better marketing tool as it is. There is also a group page where members can contact each other and also a Valley Arts and Crafts page which is available to anyone to see what we do. Anyone who does not use Facebook but would like to show their creations please send photos and details to Jen so that she can put it on at jenowen12344@gmail.com

Members remarks

Tony remarked that a lot of events are not published early enough for people to prepare for and take part in.

Penny reminded members of her free clay days. Check her website for details www.clayaround.com
A member asked what would happen if Heather was sick and wasn't there to let someone in the shop. Angela reminded people that Bey at the cafe had a key and Hilda said it would only be a problem when the cafe was closed on Tuesdays but Sue Lavender generally worked on Tuesdays and she had a key

AOB

New Members

Apart from Hywel and Joceline we have a new member William Denne who makes beeswax candles

Hilda and Nina then gave a demo on how to crochet with samples of their work and members and Hywel showed his photos cards and prints..

Dates of next meetings

Wednesday July 5th Thursday Sept 7, Wednesday Oct 11, Wednesday December 13th Wednesday 21 Feb, 2018, Wednesday 21 March 2018 AGM