



Valley Arts and Crafts

Minutes of the meeting held at the Corn Exchange, Welshpool

on Thursday 25th October 2012

Present:

Angela and Ivor Hawkins, Richard and Jan Baddiley, Becca Tansley, Daphne Bursell, Stuart and Pam Parnell, Penny Vingoe, Shirley Morris, Dot Weston, Marie Ashton, Hilda Fix, Tony Caplin

Apologies:

Ineke Swankhuisen, Deborah English, Philip Hughes, Stella Gratrix, Sarah Bradbury, Marge and David Youden, Bronwyn Strugnell, Abi Crutcher, Brian Earp, David Youden, Sylvia Hurst

Minutes of the last meeting:

Approved

Chairman's Report:

Hilda welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open.

Treasurer's Report:

High Interest Account £3408.95, Ordinary Account £2225.16

Angela asked that all shop staff please remember to do a bank reconciliation statement at the end of the day if you have had a card sale during the day. If so, when you remove the merchant copy from the till when cashing up it should also serve as a reminder that it needs doing.

Craft Events: No new events

Shop Report:

Pam would like to thank Lena Jones for stepping in to run the shop at short notice. It is very much appreciated. Thank you Lena! We had two days over the winter when cover at the shop could have proved problematical but this has now been resolved.

Members should be aware that the shop will cease opening daily on Sunday 18th November and will continue opening at weekends only until Sunday 23rd December. The shop will then close for the winter period and reopen on Saturday 9th February 2013. Anyone concerned about their stock (mainly from a damp point of view) should arrange to remove their stock over the closed period and arrange to return it when the shop opens again. Angela has a large poly bag that goes under the bed which she will bring to wrap textiles to protect them. Please ring Pam 01691860188 if you are unsure.

Member MUST inform the secretary if they wish to collect someone else's work from the shop as without prior permission we cannot hand out goods. It is also important that members remember to take their membership card with them when collecting goods or money as without it you may be refused.

Shop rotas are now ready for next year. Richard has done his very best to meet the wishes of shop staff but it is not always possible to meet everyone's needs. I would like to point out again that it is YOUR responsibility to swap days in the shop that you can't do and NOT THE SECRETARIES! This should be done preferably over the phone so that possible swaps can be negotiated. Penny Vingoe asked that a vote of thanks be recorded to Richard and Pam for producing the rota ready for next year.

Update at Llanyblodwel:

We have 15 stalls going to Llanyblodwel, with many stall holders demonstrating something of their skills. Penny Vingoe has also kindly offered to come in the morning to demonstrate before she goes away. Would stall holders please remember we are having a Christmas theme so please decorate your stalls appropriately where possible. Hilda, Pam and Stu and Marie Ashton will be going to the hall on Friday night to arrange the tables and set things up ready for Saturday morning. Stall holders may set up

their stalls from 8.30am on Saturday morning. When you have unloaded, would all members please park your car at the rear of the building and double up with other stallholders where you can so we leave the front and sides for the public to park in. Tony Caplin has made large signs for the end of the drive and Richard has put signs out too. Penny will put directions on the website.

Any other business:

Funding:

Ivor has been looking into funding from PAVO under the name of Sustainable Tourism Powys but as usual it is full of loopholes but Ivor will contact them to see if he can get any further.

Lake Vyrnwy Marketing Association:

Membership is due for renewal on 31st of October and it was agreed that we should remain members.

Opportunities in Oswestry:

Becca Tansley told the meeting that she would like to point out to members who were unaware, that there is a new exhibition and gallery space in Oswestry, which is the Willow Gallery, Willow Street. Also, there is exhibition space in the Heritage Centre behind the church.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 27th November