



Valley Arts and Crafts

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 30th October 2014

at the Methodist Church Hall, Welshpool

Present:

Pam and Stuart Parnell, Hilda Fix, Shirley Morris, Parveen Nazar, Elaine and Phillip Tulley, Abi Crutcher, Jayne Griffiths, Cynthia Evans, Penny Vingoe, Neil Summers and Becca Tansley.

Apologies:

Marge and David Youden, Stella Gratrix, Sarah Bradbury, Chrissie Menzies, Lynn Hughes, Pam Rundell, Annie and Ian Smith, Beth McPhee, Penny Ravenhill, Bronwyn Strugnell, Sonya Smith, Daphne Bursell, Mike Browning, Tony Caplin and Angela Hawkins.

Minutes of the last meeting:

Approved

Chairman's Report:

Hilda welcomed the group and reminded everyone that the shop will be closing on Sunday this week until we reopen on March 14th. Anyone wishing to collect work will need to make arrangements to do so after Sunday. Hilda, Angela and Pam and Stuart will be in the shop one day next week (day to be decided) packing up for the winter. We will let you know when that is otherwise goods will be packed up and stored over winter ready to clean and restock the shop. Hilda made a point of thanking the volunteers for their hard work in manning the shop this year and for volunteering for next year, without members volunteering there would be no shop. There has been no further developments regarding the shop lease. Watch this space! The Lake Vyrnwy Marketing Association is due to hold it's AGM on Monday and Hilda feels it is important that we make our presence known so she will speak to Angela when she comes back. On the question of new leaflets Hilda felt it would be better to wait until we have definite news regarding the lease before we go ahead and have new leaflets done. We will therefore wait until the new year. Our AGM which is due in March as always will be a good time to have our articles of association updated and so Hilda intends to send out our current ones to members nearer the time for comment. Hilda again told the meeting that both Angela and Pam will be stepping down at the end of

this year after many years in their individual posts and so a new Treasurer and Secretary will be sought from the members. She also pointed out that without both positions being filled there will be no Valley Arts and Crafts and therefore no shop!

Treasurer's Report:

Unfortunately Angela is still away in Scotland and therefore we do not have a report this month.

Craft shows:

Christmas Market at Y Dolydd (The Workhouse, Llanfyllin) will be held on 7th December. Anyone interested should contact Jean & Mick Cape boatoberon@hotmail.co.uk Hilda mentioned that the TIC in Welshpool has exhibition space if anyone is interested. It was also mentioned that it might be worth having a group exhibition there to advertise who we are and where we are. She also mentioned the possibility of 2 or 3 members getting together to do bigger shows that are expensive. If anyone is interested in this please contact Hilda direct.

Any other business:

Pam has been approached by someone wishing to do a day 'throwing pots'. If anyone knows of a potter that does this, or would be prepared to do a one off private class please contact Pam.

Demonstration: Angela was meant to be giving a demonstration and talk but couldn't get back from Scotland in time so on the eleventh hour Penny Vingoe kindly stepped in and gave a talk and demonstration on her Polymer Clay using a new extruder that she has just purchased. Everyone had a play and produced some fascinating results. So many thanks go to Penny, it was a most interesting and informative session. Penny holds free Clay Days at her house for anyone who is interested and the next one is this Saturday coming. As someone who had attended one of these days I can say that it was a lovely day out with interesting people and I not only learned a lot but had a lot of fun so it really is worth attending if you can.

ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE:

The next meeting will be on December 4th and this will also be our Christmas bash. If everyone could bring a plate of something to eat that would be great. Members can post a description of what they will bring on the members pages on our website and that way we won't end up with 20 plates of egg sandwiches. In case you have forgotten the password for the members page is 'Llanfair'. Please come and join us, even if you haven't managed to get to any of the other meetings, it would be nice to see you there.

