



Valley Arts and Crafts

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 30th September, 2014

At the Methodist church hall, Welshpool at 7.30pm

Members Present:

Angela Hawkins, Tony Caplin, Jayne Griffiths, Ted and Diana Rogers, Neil, Laura and Mike Summers, Parveen Nazar, Shirley Morris, Penny Vingoe, Cynthia Evans and Hilda Fix

Apologies:

Pam and Stu Parnell, Ian and Annie Smith, Beth McPhee, Phillip and Elaine Tulley, Chrissie Menzies, Jen Owen, Lesley Wickham, Bronwyn Strugnell, Daphne Bursell, Stella Gratix, Mike Browning, Becca Tansley

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved

Chairman's Report:

Hilda welcomed the group especially Cynthia Evans, a new member, to her first meeting.

Hilda reported that the shop staff had received a compliment on their team work. It concerned a member of the public who had brought some scarves, ordered more over the phone, sent a cheque, but came into the shop to enquire about his order. As everything had been noted in the book Hilda (who was on duty) was able to tell him when the cheque had been received and when the item was posted. This shows how important it is to note things in the shop that will be important to others manning the shop. Also Hilda requested that when people swap their days in the shop they contact the shop to have the rota (which is on the toilet door) changed so that if no one shows up Heather will know who to call. This happened recently and Heather tried to contact the wrong person.

There has been no update on the lease on the shop, but Tony Caplin has very kindly offered to take photos of items in the shop for a new brochure. Nothing will be done on the brochure until we have confirmation in writing that we have a lease next year, but if it comes through, as expected, in the next month or so, we can start work on the brochure so that it will be ready for the shop opening next year.

The shop is due to close on Friday October 31st, but as that week is half time it was decided to keep it open for the Saturday and Sunday and close on November 2nd.

The meetings for the rest of the year were discussed and it was agreed that the January meeting, with regard to the weather and that fact that nothing was really happening at that time be cancelled.

The Articles of Association for Valley Arts and Crafts have not been looked at or revised for a long time and a copy will be e mailed to all members in January for their comments and observations for discussion at The Annual General Meeting

Hilda also mentioned that we should be looking for a new Treasurer and Secretary as Pam and Angela have been in their posts for many years and will not be standing for re election at the A G M

Treasurer's Report:

Angela reported that the income for the shop for September was £1,489.04.

She also reported that as she had found a cheaper credit card machine supplier, the contract with the machine at the shop will be cancelled as at October 31st and a new machine will be installed at the shop next year

Accounts up to and including 13th September 2014

Community account: £1,440.45

Business Money Manager account: £3,837.35

Angela also reported that the Llanfair Caereinion Show Committee complimented Valley Arts and Crafts on the displays in the Rural Craft tent at the Llanfair Show (All the exhibitors in the tent are members of Valley Arts and Crafts)

Craft shows:

Hilda reminded members of the small craft fair at Hirnant, near Lake Vrynwy details of which had already been sent out.

An e mail from Broneirion, Llandinam regarding events there has also been e mailed to members.

The annual craft fair at Tregynon will be held on November 2nd. Details can be obtained from Mark Smith at Tregynon Post Office

Any other business:

Although Angela sends a welcome pack to all new members, Hilda thought it would be a good idea for the names and crafts of new members to be put in the Newsletter (with their permission of course) so that members can see who has joined Valley Arts and Crafts and what they do.

Demonstration:

Ted Rogers gave a very amusing and interesting talk and demonstration on how he makes his boxes and brought many examples and also ones that Diana had painted

Next Meetings

Thursday October 30th Angela will be talking about and demonstrating shetland knitting

Thursday December 4th The Christmas get together with food and show and tell

Tuesday February 24th 2015 Show and Tell

Tuesday March 24th 2015 Annual General Meeting