

Basingstoke Breast Cancer Self-help Group

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Held on 20th February 2024

Chairman: Angela Bennett

Treasurer: Renee Smith

Newsletter: Liz Janes

Secretary: Heather Bounaouara

Attendees

20 ladies attended.

Welcome

Angela welcomed everyone and wished both Eileen and Maureen a very happy birthday. She also thanked our speaker of the evening, Tony Bamberger, who is President of the Lions Club Basingstoke.

Minutes

Heather read out the minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Ark on 23rd January 2024. They were then signed by Angela.

Chairman's report

Angela spoke of the canal trip, organised by Liz, and asked us to write our names on the list. She reminded us that numbers are limited to 40 and that friends and partners/spouses could come along. Please bring food but buy drinks on the boat. We will leave Odiham Wharf at 7pm.

Our skittles evening on Tuesday 27th August will again be at Loddon Vale Indoor Bowling Club. Liz will inform us as to the price of the buffet nearer the time, but it will be in the region of £8. Thanks to Andy, Liz's husband, who is on the committee there and enables us to use these premises.

Sandra Fell, chairman of the Ark, was delighted with the cheque we presented to the Ark as a donation, as discussed in January's meeting.

Flowers were bought for the retiring Company Secretary of the Ark, Michele Urry. It was she who applied for the Tesco Bags of Help Community Scheme, leading to us being donated £4000 in 2019. She was pleased and grateful in her thank you message to Angela.

Angela mentioned our newsletter and requested us ladies to keep abreast of its contents regarding upcoming social events and to let her and Liz know of any venues we would like to visit, tea and cake permitting. Similarly, if any previously done trips were very popular and we would like to go on these again, we are to let Liz and Angela know. Angela mentioned the Vyne as a possible outing and many ladies found this a very good idea.

Last week, Angela gave the DTC more of our brochures and date cards for newly diagnosed ladies.

We are to let Angela know if any big birthdays are coming up. Only our birthday date is on her system. Next month, we have special birthdays for Renee and Lyn.

Liz gave a talk at her WI and the fee they paid her she has kindly donated to our group. Thank you Liz.

Renee has again spoken on Radio Berkshire about breast cancer and the support that is available here in Basingstoke. Thank you Renee.

Jane is to give us an English country dancing session at a meeting when we have no speaker. Much interest was expressed by us ladies for this and the date is yet to be decided.

Angela closed by talking about how pleased she is to see so many ladies attending our monthly meetings. We really have a strong membership now.

Speakers

Tony Bamberg, being our speaker this month, gave us some dates for our diaries should we be interested:

1. 9th March Soul and Motown Night at Old Basing RBL Social Club.
2. 16th March Swimathon at the Aquadrome.
3. 6th April PSA testing for men.
4. 21st June Barn Dance.

If we need more information, we can email Tony at:

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The meeting closed at 8pm.