

# **Basingstoke Breast Cancer Self-help Group**

Minutes of the monthly meeting 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024

Chairman: Angela Bennett

Treasurer: Renee Smith

Newsletter: Liz Janes

Secretary: Heather Bounaouara

## **Attendees**

31 ladies attended

## **Welcome**

Angela welcomed everyone and Kathy and Jackie as new members. She then thanked Mr Kevin Harris for his annual talk to our group.

## **Minutes**

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

## **Chairman's Report**

Angela gave feedback on the Alliance Cancer Workshop, which took place at the end of last month. She thanked those who went to it. It was a worthwhile event, and a report will be compiled on the many, very detailed responses obtained from the ladies who have experienced breast cancer.

## **Social Events**

Garden visit - National Garden Scheme - Ann has arranged this for the 22 June at 1, Povey's Cottage, Baughurst, Tadley. Please bring friends and the cost is £10 per person.

Canal trip - there are only 4 places left on the list going round. Departure is at 7pm from Odiham Wharf. Bring your own food, and drinks can be bought on board.

Skittles evening - as previously mentioned, this is on Tuesday August 28th at Loddon Vale Indoor Bowling Club. If you are having the buffet, please write a 'B' on the list going round and pay Liz on the night. The cost is £8 for the buffet only. Please bring raffle prizes along.

The Vyne - Friday 20 September, was agreed upon and this will be in the morning. Angela will confirm with the organiser, and Liz will make a list to go round at the next meeting. National Trust members have free entry, otherwise, it will be £15 per person.

Maggie spoke of the historic house of the Duke of Wellington, Stratfield Saye, which is open for public viewing; and Maggie will soon be a tour guide for visitors. There was much interest in doing a group visit there next year.

## **Other topics**

Angela offered a belated thank you to Doreen for preparing wonderful quizzes for the March meeting. Thank you Doreen.

## **Speakers**

Angela told us that Dr Remer, an oncologist at Basingstoke Hospital, will be our speaker at the September meeting.

Hopefully this could be an annual occurrence. He will be talking about chemotherapy in general, as well as the side effects of new treatments specifically.

In October, we will have the DTC nurses, and Mrs Rosie Stanton will be here in November. Our annual Christmas party will take place, as usual, at our December meeting.

Our speaker next month will be Lavinia Winch from “Yes, Yes, Yes”, an intimate products company. She spoke to the group during the Covid lockdown on Zoom. Please arrive at 5.45pm for a 6pm start.

The meeting closed at 8pm.