

## BASINGSTOKE BREAST CANCER SELF HELP GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held 22 March 2022

18 members attended (apologies received from Doreen and Sharon)

Chairman: Angela Bennett

Treasurer: Renee Smith

Secretary: Heather Bounaouara

Newsletter: Liz Janes

Minutes of the last meeting verified as a true record

### **Welcome**

Angela welcomed everyone at the Ark for the March monthly meeting. Two new ladies were present today: Judy and Jo.

Sandy, the DTC nurse, was especially welcomed and she spoke to all of us as she is retiring, and our group wanted to thank her for all her years' hard work and consistent support. She spoke of her retirement plans and praised our strength and bravery facing cancer.

Her replacement will be Clare, who has been mainly Winchester based up to now. Clare will start the role at the end of April.

Angela presented Sandy with an afternoon tea voucher for Oakley Hall, and she was very pleased with it and her card and said it had been a privilege working with us over the years.

### **Chairman's report**

David Close, this month's speaker, was unable to talk to us about celebration cakes and sugarcraft, as he has Covid. Later in the year, we hope to book him again. Renee has very kindly prepared a quiz for us to do instead.

Angela will be away next month, so Renee has offered to host that meeting.

On May 17, Mr Harris will be our guest speaker, and there will be more information nearer the time.

Angela passed round the paper we can write our names on if we want to go on the canal trip on July 17. We will only be charged for the fish and chips dinner.

Angela gave a talk at Oakley Ladies' Club, and £25 cash was donated to group funds.

We have lost a dear friend, Susie, who was very artistic. Her husband has been selling her paintings, and donations so far total £55.

Renee told us that Diple Mill is up for sale, so a trip there won't be possible. Angela then spoke of Tylney Hall Gardens where we can walk around, and dogs are welcome. Sundays 24 April, 22 May, or 19 June are possible dates. It is free for members of the RHS and £5 otherwise. We all prefer to do this trip as a group. This will be discussed at the next meeting and Doreen is to look into this possibility.

Our anniversary celebrations - Angela showed us the box we can place our suggestions in at each meeting. Towards the end of the year, we will count up the most popular idea. The trip will take place next year and the month or date are yet to be decided.

Marion Parfitt at the DTC would like us to buy Easter raffle tickets for funds for the DTC. Some ladies wanted to know what precisely the fund is raising money for. Angela will find out and email us.

Angela mentioned the Gabardine Cafe meetings every first Saturday of the month. Those wanting to go are to let Liz know.

Is there interest in our group visiting the watchtower museum and café on a military base? There can be a talk as there is a lot of history there. Dogs can be brought along too. May, June, or July are possible months, and we will find out more at the next meeting.

Gilbert White's House and Gardens was suggested by Maureen for a group trip. Angela suggested we look at the National Garden Scheme website to look at other options for our group outings. One lady will email Angela some information on this.

The meeting closed at 8pm.