

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

Minutes of the monthly meeting 23 April 2024

Chairman: Angela Bennett

Treasurer: Renee Smith

Newsletter: Liz Janes

Secretary: Heather Bounaouara

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## **Attendees**

20 ladies attended.

## **Apologies**

Liz Janes, Corrine Thomas, Debbie Butter, Sharon Hall, Pat Hunt, Julie Healing and Sheila Glover

## **Welcome**

Angela welcomed everyone and our speaker, Geoff Sharpe, from the RSPB.

## **Chairman's report**

A workshop given to Wessex Cancer Alliance is to be held on Tuesday 30 April from 2pm to 4pm at Beechdown Park, Winchester Road, Basingstoke, RG22 4ES.

The aim of the workshop is for the alliance to have a better understanding of the information and support breast cancer patients receive and/or have received at Andover, Winchester, and Basingstoke hospitals. To register you'll be going, use the link: [wessexcanceralliance@wca.uhs.nhs.uk](mailto:wessexcanceralliance@wca.uhs.nhs.uk)

To find out more about the workshop, use this link: [Beechdownevents.co.uk](http://Beechdownevents.co.uk)

Our public liability insurance has been renewed for this next year at a cost of £159. This is required for our fundraising and social events, and we have cover up to £2 million.

As mentioned last month, on June 22 there is a garden visit to 1, Povey's Cottage, Baughurst, Tadley at 2pm. The cost is £10 per person and the money raised goes to the charity Children with Cancer. There is parking, refreshments and a cake and pottery stall there.

Canal trip 19th July - departure is at 7pm prompt. Bring food with you and there is a bar for drinks.

Skittles evening at Loddon Vale Bowls Club is August 27th at 8pm. Entry is free for everyone, but if you would like the buffet, please pay £8 per person. Please pay in advance to Liz with names on an envelope and cash inside. For those people not eating the buffet, there will be no charge. There is the paying bar there as usual.

As mentioned last month, the Vyne visit will be in September and would cost £15 per person for a group of 8 to 12 ladies; National Trust members go free. There are also musical and theatrical productions being held in the grounds as part of their summer events. Tickets are £15.50, and you would need to go independently of this group.

Mandy, a member of this group, has organised a weekly women's walking football. It is on a Monday at 7pm at Basingstoke Football Club, Brighton Hill.

### **Minutes**

Heather read out the minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Ark on 26th March 2024. They were then signed by Angela.

### **Speakers**

Mr Kevin Harris, consultant surgeon, will speak next month. Please arrive at 5.45pm for a prompt 6pm start.

The meeting closed at 8pm.