



Working Group for Older People (WGOP)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 11th December 2013

Present: Sue Boyd (Chair), Gay Huggins (Treasurer), Val Bishop (Secretary), Wendy Hull (SB Ward Rep).
Cllr Glenise Morgan. There were no apologies.

Notes from AGM held on 13th December 2012: Agreed.

Matters Arising: .None.

Chairman's Report: The WGOP, formed in 2010, aims to promote the health, well-being and quality of life for older people within this NP3 area. This year the WGOP has organised a number of initiatives which focus particularly on those older people who have mobility problems, are housebound or have difficulty using public transport.

“Pick-Me_Up” activities – we have organised two trips this year. The first was to Tyntesfield on 7th May which was a great success. It was a delightful day and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to wander around the house and gardens. The lunch was delicious and the weather fantastic! The second was a return trip to Oakham Treasures, on 5th December, which included a Christmas lunch. Again a great success.

We were concerned that, as a group undertaking a variety of activities, we needed to consider the matter of Public Liability Insurance, and I am pleased to confirm this has now been set up with CaSE Insurance (Charities & Social Enterprises). The cost for this was covered by money from the Well Being Fund of the NP.

Our major event of the year was the North Bristol Festival of Age, held on 1st July. The day focussed on local activities for older people. The aim was to give people information, advice, and help them to be aware of support services available to them. Also details were available of activities and groups within our NP3 area that are healthy, interesting and fun, easy to get to and where they can build up a network of friends. The event was opened by the Mayor of Bristol, George Ferguson, and attended by nearly 500 people. Over thirty organisations were represented and there was a programme of activities taking place throughout the day. These included various taster sessions of Ping Pong, New Age Kurling, Zumba Gold and craft sessions. A Theatre Company performed two plays which were funny but with a serious message on scams. There was information on transport available (including an electric bicycle!) and the local Reminiscence Club for people who suffer dementia. Others found out about educational groups such as U3A and Family History, together with the local Walking Group, and I.T. classes.

There was also an opportunity to sit down for a chat and enjoy tea, coffee, sandwiches and cake in the ‘cafe’. Helpers came from Badminton School so the young and the old mixed together with great camaraderie. The WGOP were grateful to all who helped in so many ways both with funding and support such as LinkAge, Costco, Waitrose, Celebrating Age Fund and other NP areas. Also the continuous support from our area organiser Andrew McGrath.

The day was voted a great success by all participants who were keen for us to do it again! There has been some very positive outcomes from this that are being followed up, including the setting up of three new activity groups.

Our next project is a leaflet in conjunction with LinkAge which will set out local activities available to people over 60 in this NP3 area. Look out for it in 2014!

Sue thanked the Committee for their continued support.

Sue Boyd - Chairman

Treasurer's Report: Gay Huggins had produced a statement of account following the trip to Oakham Treasures and the present balance for the WGOP is £1,484.53. Everyone was happy with the accounts and no questions were raised.

Election of Officers: Keith Evans has resigned from the Committee. The existing Officers were happy to stand again and were re-elected en bloc.

Any Other Business: None.

There being no other business, the AGM was declared closed.



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Notes from 6th November 2013: Agreed.

Matters Arising: Public Liability insurance had been purchased for one year, at a cost of £157.50. Thanks were expressed to Sue for organising this.

Treasurer's Report: Gay had produced a statement of account following the trip to Oakham Treasures and the WGOP held a balance of £1,484.53. This was enough for at least one more trip.

Dates of Meetings in 2014: The dates were agreed and the meetings would take place on the following Wednesdays at **2pm** in the Waterford Room, Henleaze United Reform Church, Waterford Road, Henleaze:- **12th February, 2nd April, 4th June and 10th September.**

Oakham Treasures Thursday 5th December: 22 attended with 4 organisers and all agreed it was a great success. The food was very good but the museum was very cold in areas. They all enjoyed the quiz and the gift of the calendar was well received.

Public Liability Insurance: This had now been purchased at a cost of £157.50 effective from 1st December 2013.

Future Trips: After discussion, it was agreed to investigate Woodford Lodge, Chew Valley and the date of the trip was agreed as Wednesday 7th May. We would go and investigate in the New Year. Draft poster would be available at the February meeting.

Leaflet: Following the draft produced by Gay and Sue's subsequent additions, these had now been passed to Ricky who was pleased we were going ahead with the project. He will work on it in the New Year and would be asked to provide an initial proof for us to study in advance of the February meeting. He would also be asked to attend that meeting. LinkAge produce their leaflets 3 times a year – January – April, May – August, and September – December. It was agreed we would not spend any more time on this at present. If anyone wants to send further information or pictures to Ricky, his email address is:

rickybush@linkagewestofengland.org.uk

Any other business: None.

Dates of Next Meeting: Wednesday 12th February 2014 at 2pm.

All meetings would take place at Waterford Meeting Room, United Reform Church, Waterford Road, Henleaze.