



Annual General Meeting

- Date:** Tuesday 21 July 2009
- Venue:** Hedgecroft, Bracken Lane, Yateley
- Present:** 44 members
4 visitors
Hazel Ryder, Chair
Sue Butterfield, Vice Chair
Deb Hayes, Treasurer
Cherie Cheetham, Membership
Bec Handyside, Secretary
- Apologies:** Jackie Amies, Bookings Secretary

1 Welcome by Hazel

Hazel welcomed the members and explained the format for the evening; the AGM and any other 'official' matters, followed by a buffet supper.

Prior to the AGM, members had been contacted via e-mail for nominations for committee posts, 2009/2010. Hazel informed the members that Bec Handyside and Jackie Amies had been co-opted as Secretary and Bookings Secretary. In addition Toni volunteered to shadow Deb Hayes and Gillian volunteered to join the committee without portfolio.

Hazel also informed members that Jackie Patel and Debbie Yabsley had stepped down.

2 Membership Report by Cherie

Cherie reported that during 2008/09 membership had increased to 76, which is still within the limit set by VGQs insurance.

In addition, Cherie informed members that the annual fee will remain at £22, for the 3rd consecutive year. At only £2 per month this offers excellent value, especially as there is no additional charge for refreshments at the meetings, or for the meal provided at the Summer Party/AGM.

Cherie stressed that these latter items are covered by the money received from the monthly raffle, therefore the members regular support is needed to help continue these

activities.

Cherie informed members that visitors are always welcome; the first evening is free and subsequent evenings are £4, unless there is a speaker when a charge of £5 will be made.

Membership fees are to be paid in September and Cherie asked members to pay by cheque if possible and if there are any changes to contact details, to write these on the back of the cheque.

3 Treasurer's Report by Deb

Deb informed members of the following financial details for 2008/09:

Bank balance:	£1,176.38
Saver Account:	£500.08 (for emergencies, such as paying for a speaker if the main account is unable to meet the agreed payment)
Banked income:	£2,954.30
Direct to petty cash:	£80.00
Expenditure	
Rent - Room:	£250.00
- Workshop:	£96.60
Speakers:	£905.80 (over £400 just for Dawn Cameron-Dick)
Insurance:	£69.40
Other:	£135.31
Eve Appeal:	£845.00
To Saver Account:	£500.00

4 Chairperson's Report by Hazel

(a) Programme for 2009/2010

Hazel informed members that Pat Archibold has been booked for the September meeting and will also be running a day workshop. Hazel asked for members to fill in the form for the workshop if they wish to attend (that was e-mailed prior to the AGM) as soon as possible and e-mail back to Hazel.

The members were also informed that there is more information on Pat Archibold's website under 'Design Kits' regarding the content of the proposed workshop.

Hazel informed members that Emma Tabor would be speaking at the October meeting and Antique Angels would be attending the November meeting for a sewing evening.

Hazel also informed members that the Christmas Party would take place as usual in December.

Hazel asked members to e-mail any speaker recommendations to her, until Jackie's contact details were available on the VGQ website.

(b) Thank -you's

Hazel thanked Sue, Marion and Gillian for their help with refreshments and opening up, presenting them with a bundle of fabric each.

Hazel also thanked Jo Lovell for all her hard work on the website and presented Jo with a bundle of fabric.

(c) Retirements

Hazel showed members the cards she had made for Jackie and Debbie, which she would send along with a voucher from Nature's Threads to say thank you for all their help whilst on the Committee.

(d) Announcements

Hazel informed members of forthcoming events and exhibitions.

5 Other Matters

(a) Nature's Threads

Sue Luff from Nature's Threads announced to members that she was currently hoping to open a shop in Fleet by September and would keep us informed.

Sue also informed members that last year's popular quilting day at the United Reformed Church in Farnham would be running again this year on 3 October, from 10am to 4pm.

(b) Buttons Challenge

Deb Hayes informed members that the Committee had set a Summer challenge with buttons - to prepare a 6 x 4 inch postcard, using at least two buttons from the buttons provided and to consist of three layers. Deb asked members to bring their postcards to the September meeting where all members would have a chance to vote for their favourite.

(c) Quilty Secrets

Cathy informed members that 'Quilty Secrets' was a textiles exhibition being set up by Kirsty Nutbean and that Kirsty was looking for volunteers to help during the show. Dates - 10 October - 14 November 2009. Kirsty's contact details can be found in the Southern Star.

Meeting closed at : 8.40pm

Signed:

Hazel Ryder - Chair

Date: