

Friends of Penketh Library (FOPL)

18th March 2017

Meeting 3

10 am Study Area, Penketh Library

Minutes

Apologies

Norma, David, Irene and Liz.

Minutes from previous Meeting

Minutes available in folder on Library counter, website and emailed to all Members previously. No comments received.

Review of last Event – “The Library Makes History” and Activities, Competitions etc (for Members not on facebook)

Mary was happy with the event, rave reviews for the talk by Philip Jeffs, Archivist from Culture Warrington, “A Basic History of Warrington through Maps” which 31 people attended. Artefacts displayed were of particular interest to Year 4 of Penketh South Primary School who came along on Monday 13th March to quiz Peter Rutherford about their uses and also look at old photographs (pictured on the facebook page). Jane F to thank Penketh and Great Sankey Heritage Group for their input to the success of this event. Penketh Trail maps were also very popular.

All entrants for the Comic Story Board Competition won prizes. Guidelines for future FOPL Competitions were discussed (Phillip going to research what is needed). FOPL Mini’s Story and Craft Time continues to be popular, the World Book Day session attracted over 20 participants who dressed up in costumes (picture on facebook page).

Library News

Jane F talked about her invitation to join the Libraries Working Group which had the first meeting last Wednesday at 2 pm in No 1 Committee Room in the Town Hall, details of future meetings now available on WBC website calendar, all open to the public. Not much to report from the introductory meeting, named the other members. Next meeting on Wednesday 5th April same time and place. Master plan for Penketh discussed, no details so far.

Notice board to advertise community events in Penketh to be situated in the Library was mentioned, Susan later confirmed that LiveWire have given permission now waiting for the Parish Council to decide on materials needed – Jane F to email Penketh Parish Council.

“Eggstravaganza” on 8th April

Jane L updated us, craft session making Easter bonnets, egg trail around the Library, Easter quiz, Adult and Children’s colouring competition based on the same 2 pictures – donations of craft materials, Easter eggs and kitchen roll centres still required. Publicity and posters to be co-ordinated and supplied by Jane L.

Ideas for future Events and Sessions, especially June 10th

Jane L to set up a Mother’s Day table for 25th March in the Junior Library to help promote the forthcoming Book Sale.

FOPL Mini’s next sessions on 30th March “Spring” theme and 6th April “Easter” theme.

Lego/Duplo Sessions scheduled for the Easter Holidays – Thursday 13th April and Tuesday 18th April at 2.30 – 4.30 pm. Donations of Lego/Duplo can be brought into and stored in the Library for FOPL sessions.

Reading Group is still accepting new members, posters on display. Lynne mentioned the visit of Ian Marsh, a local writer and Lecturer in Criminology at Hope University, Liverpool, on 26th April and it was suggested that maybe other Library Users might be interested in joining in the session? Jane F to talk to Sylvia.

June 10th – Judith confirmed that Penketh and Great Sankey Gardening Society were going to hold a plant stall sale with proceeds to go to New Routes Gardening Charity, a local charity based at Victoria Park for young adults with severe learning disabilities. Susan suggested that the Charity have a stall with information during the event, Judith to enquire. A Gardener’s Question Time, a sunflower growing competition (to be started at Eggstravaganza event), design a garden competition and a craft session. Title suggested by Karen, “Growing Interest in Libraries” from 10.30 – 12.30 pm. Jane’s L and F to liaise on poster production.

Jane L suggested linking up with the National event on 17th June in memory of Jo Cox, “The Great Get Together”, a coffee morning inviting local Community Groups to join us in the Library.

Penketh Carnival on 8th July – Jane L suggested FOPL to join in procession dressed up as World Book/Disney Characters, going to see if any interest from FOPL Minis etc. Jane F and Phillip agreed to join the Library stall to promote FOPL etc.

The very popular Philip Jeff’s History talk was discussed and a possible evening event to enable more people to attend was suggested.

“Active Minds”, Jane F mentioned this idea again, so far no response to our poster in the Library and on the website. It was decided to consider greater promotion in September and trial a few sessions to gauge public interest.

AOB

Susan informed FOPL about forthcoming events organised by the Library, also gave out Calendars courtesy of Penketh and Great Sankey Heritage Group Chairman Peter Rutherford. Flyers advertising the Bargain Book Sale on Wednesday 22nd March to Saturday 25th March during normal Library opening hours – FOPL’s to promote to friends, family, neighbours etc.

A Shetland Murder Mystery called “Bannocks and Blood” based on Ann Cleeves books on Thursday 27th April 6.30 – 8 pm, £2 fee, more details and publicity to follow.

“Nordic Noir” organised by Culture Warrington, which includes an exhibition of photographs ending in a screening of “Double Indemnity” on Thursday 11th May at 7pm, £2.50/3 fee, posters to be circulated.

CPSO Carl Beck had also mentioned a possible exhibition in conjunction with the Crime Museum as a future event.

Dates for next Meeting

10 am on Saturday 13th May.