

Friends of Penketh Library (FOPL)

13th May 2017

Meeting 4

10 am Study Area, Penketh Library

Minutes

Apologies

David, Lorraine, Geraldine and Claire.

Review of last Event – “Eggstravaganza” and Activities

Mary talked about the “Museum of Policing” Event on 29th April – popular with all age groups especially the costumes and crime solving. Jane L confirmed that “Eggstravaganza” was enjoyed by young crafters and all the Easter Colouring Competition and Quiz winners happily received their Easter Egg winnings, the Book Trail was also enjoyed. FOPL Mini’s Craft and Story Time continues to have a regular clientele of over 20 participants. Reading Group talk by Ian Marsh and the Anne Cleeve’s Night were both discussed and deemed a success.

Library News

Jane F mentioned the ongoing Libraries Working Group and enquiries about forming Friends Groups from interested parties at Culcheth and Stockton Heath Libraries - JF and Phillip went to a meeting at Culcheth Library to discuss this. JF also went to the local Friendship Group to give a talk on the Libraries campaign from September to date.

“Growing Interest in Libraries” Event with Penketh and Sankey Gardening Society on 10th June.

Confirmed with Judith that the Event is progressing and discussed publicity and actual logistics for location of plant stall etc. Judith is coordinating distribution of posters, Jane L is donating a prize for the Design a Garden Competition and it is the first opportunity to add to the Sunflower Measurements Wall Chart which continues until 31st August. Judith gave us more information about the New Routes Charity that the Gardening Society supports.

“The Great Get Together”, Jo Cox Community Event on 17th June

Jane L and Mary updated us on which members of the Community they had contacted so far, a few other activities on this date but on the website “The Great Get Together” Penketh Library is the only local Event mentioned. Members agreed to bake cakes, donate refreshments and bring teapots, cups and saucers. Need all the Community to get involved, Penketh WI and Penketh South Primary School have agreed to support the Event. The Parish Council and the Mayor have been invited and Jane F to email Tony Higgins.

Ideas for future Events and Sessions – Fire Brigade on 15th July etc

Jane L to contact the Fire Brigade to confirm the 15th July as the date for the Event more information, ideas and title to be discussed at the next meeting, so far they have suggested talking about a new Cadet Scheme, Fire Safety, bringing a fire engine for people to sit in etc. Have been invited by Penketh South Junior School to promote FOPL at their Summer Fayre on 1st July, but due to holidays are unable to accept. Jane F and Phillip agreed to join Penketh Library Staff at Penketh Carnival to promote FOPL on 8th July. Mary mentioned a tie in with Autumn Watch and Cheshire Wildlife plus going to visit the Burtonwood Airbase Association with a view to putting on a joint Event. Jane F reminded members about National Poetry Day on 28th September and National Libraries Week from 9-14th October – agreed to contact the Poets for an event on Saturday 30th September and to suggest to “Save Warrington Libraries” Facebook Group a Warrington wide “Borrow a book Day” etc. Steve mentioned an Event with the local Diving Group which could be in August, to be discussed further at June’s meeting when he liaises with the club members.

Dates for next Meeting

7.30 pm Wednesday 21st June at the Crown and Cushion (Note an evening meeting which may be more convenient for FOPL Members).

AOB

Jane F suggested a leaflet drop in the Penketh area to make the Residents aware of what is actually happening in our Library, she produced a poster, her and Jane L to make some amendments and contact FOPL’s to help deliver within a radius of the Library. We still need to raise awareness as to what is happening in a modern Library, even some FOPL’s were surprised as to the range of activities that have either happened or are going to happen locally. We still need more active FOPL members to help with our ambitious plans for our Community Library.