

Friends of Penketh Library (FOPL)

21st June 2017

Meeting 5

7.30 pm at the Crown and Cushion Pub

Minutes

Apologies

Doreen, Geraldine, Jane, Judith and Lynne.

Review of last Events – “Growing Interest in Libraries” and “The Great Get Together”

Both events were well attended, donations of £61.68 were given to the “New Routes” charity supported by the Penketh and Great Sankey Gardening Society after the “Growing Interest” event, the first sunflower measurements were recorded but we are expecting more before the deadline of 31st August. At “The Great Get Together” we were delighted that Tony Higgins, Allin and Leila Dirir joined us to celebrate what we have in common. Thanks also to the WI for their support and hard work giving out refreshments. The Teddy Bear’s Picnic was enjoyed by young and old - see pictures on our facebook page. FOPL Mini’s Story and Craft Sessions continue to be popular averaging 6 to 8 children plus adults; Lego and Duplo sessions are well supported.

Library News

Jane F talked about meeting with Sue Barlow, a Stockton Heath Parish Councillor to discuss their setting up a Friends Group also the complimentary remarks made on the Working Group Minutes. Tony Higgins was very pleased with the progress of our Friends Group and how confident he was in the future of Warrington Libraries.

Fire Brigade Event on July 15th July

Discussed the “Hot Stuff” poster decided the wording was amusing not offensive. Jane L had sent an email detailing her discussions with Gary Simpson, White Watch Manager from Penketh Fire Station so we all knew what the plans for the event were.

Future Events and Sessions – Diving Group, Autumn Watch, Cheshire Wildlife, Burtonwood Airbase Association

Steve informed us that the Diving Group session not feasible at the moment due to problems with equipment. Mary has contacted Autumn Watch but no response so far, she and Jane L have visited John Cotterill at the RAF Burtonwood Association who are happy to come and give a talk. The Association asks for a donation of £50 so we will need to make a small charge or find sponsorship, it was decided that this would be an evening event on Tuesday 14th November.

National Poetry Day on 28th September and National Libraries Week 9th - 14th October - possible Poetry Event on 30th September

Jane F has emailed the Poetry Groups that came along and organised a Poetry Workshop as part of our Valentine's event, so far the response has been positive. Suggestions have been made such as a poetry competition, children's verses and readings.

Recruiting more FOPL's

We discussed that we need to encourage our 40+ signed up members to be more involved in participating in events. Sylvia thought that the article in the Warrington Guardian might have made our members more complacent as to the need to support and promote our Library. Jane F said that there are no **definite** plans for the long term future of Penketh Library, its immediate position is in abeyance until the Master Plan for Penketh is developed - "One of the busiest libraries in Warrington **could** become part of a wider master plan in the area" WG article on 1st June 2017. Jane F and Phillip are going to attend Penketh Carnival, to ask Residents to join us.

Dates for next Meeting

10.30 am on Saturday 9th September in the Study Area.

AOB

Susan (Morris) Senior LiveWire Advisor came to the Meeting to keep us updated on Library plans as she was going on holiday from 29th June until 15th July. She said that FOPL events were making a positive impact on the visitor figures and thanked the Group for their efforts. She discussed the upcoming "Hot Stuff at Your Library", suggesting we give out vouchers when Users borrow a book to sit on the Fire Engine, Phillip had already produced a poster and a risk assessment for the event which were for Group comments and then to be forwarded to the Library. She informed us of the Reading Challenge and related craft events in the summer holidays, also the Tom Palmer's Football Reading Game on 23rd August (posters nearer the time). The Library has produced a stand to be displayed at Penketh Community Primary School Summer Fayre and Penketh Carnival - Jane L has co-ordinated the display. Susan mentioned that the Library has run a poetry competition on previous National Poetry Days. Our forthcoming event for Burtonwood Association was discussed due to the need to make a small charge, it was agreed that the Library would give out tickets and that we could have 30 audience members with a donation of £2 on the night (to cover the cost of the £50 donation requested by the Association).

Andrea made some good suggestions such a raffle ticket when Users borrow a book, a food bank drop off point and also a Wire FM toy appeal drop off point at Christmas - all these need to be discussed with Susan/LiveWire.