

## **Minutes of AGM**

### **Chairs Remarks**

Kate Hindmarch started by reading out the apologies for people who could not attend and thanking June Rowlands of Newark & Sherwood District Council for the use of the room.

KH explaining that she has been the Chair of WIN since 2003 and introducing Frances Kelly (Vice-Chair) and Elaine Ellison (Treasurer) and Vicki Hall (administrator). Congratulations were said to Linda Moore (nee Cutts) on her recent marriage.

It was agreed that 2005 was an excellent year for WIN and that we now have 56 paid up members. Visits to the College, Natural Health, Kelham Hall, Wine Tasting, Sue's Place and the Crusader Boat talk were all highlighted events of last year. The networking aspect of the group and the support network was going well.

### **The Treasurers Remarks**

Elaine going through the figures with the room. WIN made two charitable donations last year of £50.00 each. The £98.00 for "meeting costs" includes money when people do not always pay the £2.00 subs or £2.00 for drinks, and money used during an event at the Bearings in September 2004. We have £699.39 in the bank.

### **Election of Officers**

Elaine Ellison was elected Chair of WIN  
Frances Kelly will remain as Vice-Chair and Tallents Solicitors will take over administration.  
Malcolm Ellison Chartered Accountants will take the role of Treasurer

### **The Way Forward for 2006**

WIN have some meetings organised for next year. Last year the most well attended meetings were those of a social and fun nature. Suggestions for the next meeting (to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> February) were asked for. It was confirmed that we would be trying out a new venue and that this would be reviewed after the event in February. In March and April we have two events with speakers arranged from Nutural Success (they are consultants in Body Language) and a District Judge giving us a talk. In June we will be attending a Champagne and Strawberries event at one of the most prestigious gardens in Winthorpe (Frances Kelly's garden!) This will be 13<sup>th</sup> June. We are trying to organise something for 11<sup>th</sup> July and we will be at Ann et Vin on August 15<sup>th</sup>. This will be a "Call My Bluff" on wine. The Christmas event was once again very well attended. 23 people went to Crompton House. The programme of events will be sent out as soon as it is finalised. The Chair asked for suggestions of people to talk at events. It was suggested by the Committee that perhaps the June event could be a charity event given that Champagne and stawberries would cost more than the tea and coffee we usually have. This could be to support St John's Ambulance. We would also like to hire the Crusader Boat to give this more of a promotion. As usual any charity money will stay locally.

Lisa Quinton-Holloway of Compton House will now be doing themed nights at £20.00 per head. One of these will be a poetry night and Elaine knows the poet, namely Doris Corti (Jennie Searle then read out a poem by Doris called "Newark Stained Glass Workers"). These events will be held on a Friday evening, a mid-week evening and a Saturday. WIN

has a priority booking for this for 20 people. It was suggested that if not enough interest was raised amongst members then we could invite family and friends.

Steve Foster from Business Link has a pot of money and wants to put on a networking lunch for WIN. Business Link would send invites to members of Business Link and WIN would also be invited. If people from WIN attended they would not have to pay as it would be a free event.

The Chair of Newark Business Club, Keith Girling, has offered us a slot in "The Hub" leaflet that he sends out. It was agreed that WIN would use this slot.

There is an event at The Bearings on 16<sup>th</sup> February for those interested called "E-Bay Means Sales". There were also leaflets offered for rural business who need help and assistance from Business Link.

### **Speakers**

A presentation was then given by Dallas Chapman of Finer Skin Solutions who provide facial toning and non-surgical face-lifts. Dallas can offer appointments out of office hours and works from home. This service is available to both men and women. The treatment is totally painless and gives smoother, finer and younger looking skin. It is not recommended that people under the age of 30 have this treatment if they have good skin. The machine that Dallas uses also has settings to deal with Acne, facial scarring, eczema, skin pigmentation's and other skin problems. Dallas lives on Beacon Hill and would be happy to speak to people in relation to her work. She is prepared to offer a discounted course of treatments to WIN members.

A presentation was then completed by Anne Robson on behalf of St Johns Ambulance. Anne thanking Elaine and Kate and Frances for their support by allowing her to speak. St Johns Ambulance has a Head Quarters which was built during the 1<sup>st</sup> World War. This building now needs knocking down. Three years ago they were led to believe that everything was in hand to get a new building, Old Mount School. This building however did not have sufficient parking and there was no access for the Ambulances. Therefore this building was rejected. By the time the rejection came into place, St Johns Ambulance had missed the boat to apply for lottery funding (which is now going on the Olympics) and government funding. Therefore in order to get a building and do all of the works for that building to be up to the new Regulations (including the DDA) St Johns Ambulance would have to raise £500,000.00. They are now entering into a major fundraising campaign. If a Company makes a donation to St John's Ambulance then they will be invited to attend training given to professionals for no charge. Help is needed for the website, the planning permission and other aspects of the applications. Frances Kelly stated that she sat next to a St Johns Ambulance worked at a function recently and realised how much work they put into events. Without St Johns Ambulance the Newark Show would not go ahead as one example.

### **Any Other Business**

Details of the next meeting will be circulated to members in due course. Frances Kelly thanked Kate for her time as Chair

The directory needs updating to include peoples contact details and what they do as a Business. Everyone was asked to hand in their business cards and also a list was sent

around with email addresses and telephone numbers on. If people knew these were out of date then these needed updating also.

Minutes recorded as best as possible by Vicki Hall (for the last time!)