

WOMEN IN NEWARK

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 14TH FEBRUARY, 2006.

In attendance: Elaine Ellison, Jackie Watts, Nicola Parr, Dawn Berry, Jennie Searle, Emma Holden, Kate Hindmarch, Linda Moore, Margaret Grocott, Sarah Bailey, Juliet New, Claire French, Linda Clarke, Vanessa Bowman, Zoe Inman, June Reynolds, Marilyn Sharp, Andrea Edlin, Karen Taylor, Elaine Beeching, Adrienne Jewitt, Jill Elkington

Apologies: Jill Hoyland, Susie Chambers, Gail Dandy, Julie Reader Sullivan, Jacky Huson, Lesley Pashley, Portia Green, Ann Hobson, Charmaine Fenton, Ann Hayes

1. Elaine Ellison (Chair) welcomed everyone to the first meeting to be held at Braiths. It is proposed that WIN should treat Braiths as its new "base camp", but that we should hold some meetings elsewhere from time to time.
2. There were introductions and welcome to new members Karen Taylor, Adrienne Jewitt, Emma Holden, Jill Elkington, Claire French, Sarah Bailey, Marilyn Sharp and Juliet New.
3. Elaine then introduced Duncan Ellison of Boundary Sound. Duncan's background is in T.V. production and having discovered that Newark is not well served in the independent radio sector he has now set up Boundary Sound with the aim of delivering a full time radio service to the Newark and Sherwood District. Based in Castle Gate, the focus is on serving the local community and presenting positive views of the Newark and Sherwood area.

Boundary Sound currently have approximately 104,000 listeners and Duncan suggested that local businesses might like to consider their competitive advertising rates! He also emphasised that the station needs the support of both local businesses and local people to be a success.

June Rowlands the "sexiest voice of radio" then went on to explain how she had come to have her own show, "Weekend Break" which will start on the 11th of March 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. If any other WIN members are interested, Boundary Sound is currently looking for female presenters.

4. Elaine brought us up to date with more news:-

Cait Mercer has shown a lot of interest in WIN and has been made an honorary member.

"Private Dining" has been arranged at Compton House for Friday, 10th March, at 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. There is to be a gourmet dinner with local published poet Cathy Grinrod and tickets are £25.00.

There was also a charity update. The St. John's Ambulance new headquarters appeal has been launched and WIN has been a major player in raising the profile of this campaign. In particular there is to be a ball at the Red House at Kelham on the 6th of May. A table of 10 has been reserved for WIN and tickets are now available for £25.00.

5. Dawn Berry of Mystic Holistic was the second speaker. She is a clairvoyant medium and a complementary therapist.

In explaining what she does Dawn focused most on clairvoyance as this is something

she feels most people know least about. She considers that everyone is psychic to some extent and that there is a sense within us all that we are not in touch with and she explained how this worked for her.

She also explained the difference between clairvoyance and mediumship, which she defined as providing evidence of life after physical death. She emphasised that there is a need to show an ongoing consciousness in these cases.

Juliet New then agreed to be "read" and handed over her watch. Amongst the other potentially useful information that Dawn revealed, Juliet now knows that if she is invited to an Italian restaurant in April she should not order the fish!

Dawn then took a number of questions from members who were keen to know how her abilities manifested themselves and when she had discovered that she had these abilities.

6. Elaine and other members then drew attention to other matters of interest to WIN members:

WIN has now featured in a piece in the Newark Business Club "Hub" which Elaine made available for members to look at.

Jennie Searle is one of the main organisers of "Open Studios 2006" and she wondered if any artists/crafts people would be interested.

The next meeting of the Newark Business Women's Lunch is to be held on March the 9th at 12.30 p.m. at the Navigation.

There was information available about the Newark & Notts. Show Business Pavilion for anyone wishing to promote their business there.

Chattertons are to give a presentation on "managing inheritance tax" on Thursday the 16th at 2.30 p.m. Tea and cakes are available!

There is to be a "coach yourself" day at the Deincourt on the 19th of March. Details are available from Claire French.

Chattertons in Grantham will be hosting a meeting of Women in Grantham from 4.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. on 7th March. They will be dealing with "resolving business issues".

7. The next meeting is to be held at the Red House at Kelham at 3.55 p.m. on the 14th March. The speaker will be professional trainer Kim Argyle who is to give a talk on "body language in business".