

WOMEN IN NEWARK

MINUTES F MEETING HELD ON 14TH MARCH, 2006 AT THE RED HOUSE, KELHAM

Apologies: Kate Hindmarch, Vanessa Bowman, Portia Green, Lesley Pashley, Nicola Parr, Kirsty Cole, Vicky Smith, Margaret Grocutt and Jackie Watts

1. Elaine Ellison (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting at the Red House and greeted us with the unfortunate news that Kim Argyle who was to give a talk on "body language in business" had been taken ill. She had, however, agreed to speak at the May meeting on the 9th of May.
2. Elaine then gave the pleasant news that the chef and co-owner at the Red House, Martin Able had agreed to step in at the last minute and talk to the meeting about life as a professional chef. The other pleasant piece of news was that with the tea and coffee he was providing scones, jam and cream as a taster prior to his talk.
3. The meeting then adjourned to enjoy the tea, coffee and scones which were pronounced to be excellent.
4. The meeting then reassembled and the following items of correspondence were brought to everyone's attention.
 - (i) On Tuesday the 23rd of March there will be a coffee morning at 15 Tannery Wharf between 10.30 – 12.00 in aid of the St. John's appeal.
 - (ii) On April 13th the local business women's lunch will be at 12.30 at the Newark Navigation when the speaker will be Duncan Ellison of Boundary Sound.
 - (iii) Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce still have some spaces in their pavilion at Newark Show if anyone wishes to take space to promote their business.
 - (iv) Jennie Searle is still asking if anyone is interested in joining the Open Studios.
 - (v) Fourteen members had enjoyed an excellent private dining evening on the 10th of March at Compton House, South Parade, Newark when the speaker had been Kathy Grinrod Poet Laureate for Derbyshire. It is hoped the next one will be arranged in July/August when the speaker will be Elizabeth Chadwick a local historical novelist.
 - (vi) Elaine was delighted to report that in conjunction with Business Link there was to be a women of influence lunch on Wednesday the 17th of May at the Red House, Kelham which would be free to members. Speakers to be announced later and there are sponsorship opportunities. If anyone is interested please contact Elaine.
 - (vii) Elaine was also pleased to report that the fund raising Ball on the 6th of May at the Red House in aid of the St. John's appeal was almost sold out.
 - (viii) There is to be a pudding evening on Friday the 28th April, 7.00 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Town Hall in aid of Newark Hospice.
 - (ix) Andrea Edlin reported there are a few spaces available on the internet marketing workshop at a cost of £95.00 plus V.A.T. on the 20th of April. If anyone is interested please contact her and it is intended to run similar workshops once a month. Please contact Andrea for further details.
5. Members present then introduced themselves and a welcome was given to new members.

6. Elaine then introduced the speaker, Martin Able who gave a very entertaining talk about his experiences as a chef from when he started at the age of 16 right through to him becoming a co-owner with his wife of the Red House. He gave a fascinating insight to life behind the scenes in both large organisations, large restaurants and small restaurants. He said that he was thoroughly enjoying developing the Red House. All the sweets are hand made by his assistant chef and he was concentrating on local sourced food with some organic food, modern British with a continental twist.

He also asked if the group would be interested if he set up some cooking workshops. Everyone agreed it was an excellent idea.

He was thanked sincerely by Elaine for his interesting talk and for taking over at such short notice.

7. The next meeting will be at Braiths, Carter Gate, Newark at 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday the 11th April when Philip Armitage will give a talk about his experiences as a deputy District Judge.