

## WOMEN IN NEWARK

### Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 4.00p.m. at Farndon Boathouse, Farndon, Nottinghamshire

Apologies:

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| Jane Overland  | Sue Lovell       |
| Jackie Watts   | Tracey Sellors   |
| Sue Breedon    | Kelly Taylor     |
| Carole Orgles  | Jane Mills       |
| Angela Foreman | Sally Yates      |
| Dawn Berry     | Laura Forsyth    |
| Sarah Willis   | Liselle Barnsley |

1. The Chairman, Tracey Hughes, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Members introduced themselves and Tracey welcomed the guests.
3. WIN are hoping to plan another fund raising fashion lunch with Aura Fashions and a date of Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2009 is being considered. Members were asked if they could please let Tracey Hughes know if they are available for this date and interested in attending.
4. Volunteers are needed for the WIN float at Newark Carnival to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at 2.00 p.m. Could any members wishing to volunteer their skills to help draw a banner for the float, please contact Tracey Hughes. Volunteers are also required to walk alongside the float and act as marshals. Could any members interested in taking part please speak to Tracey Hughes.
5. June Rowlands briefly spoke about "The Best Ladies Day Ever" on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at Woodborough Hall, the proceeds of which are going to breast screening services for Newark, the WIN nominated charity. Tickets will be on sale week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> April 2009 and details can be found on the attached flyer. If any members are able to take some flyers to advertise the event to the public, please contact June.
6. There were also notices for the following:
  - Hill Farm Furniture Limited are re-vamping their showroom.
  - Newark County Show is being held on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at Newark Showground and members attention was drawn to the following:
    - Charlotte Graham of Funerals to Die for is holding a stand, promoting eco burials.

- Boundary Sound are responsible for all the announcements and are holding a prize draw competition with Woodborough Hall. Anyone attending the Show can find the Boundary Sound stand and enter their details for the chance to win a night at Woodborough Hall.

7. Tracey welcomed the speaker, Claire Hargreaves who has been a conservation volunteer with the Nottingham Wild Life Trust for 6 years. Claire gave a brief outline of the history of the Farndon Willow Holt was owned by a brother and sister, Mr and Miss Howitt, who were both botanists and lived in Farndon. The Howitts originally left the willow holt to the Woodland Trust from whom the Wild Life Trust purchased the site and the Trust has restored the holt so as to preserve the various species of willow.

Claire then took the members on an interesting walk around the willow holt, showing members the extensive work that the Wild Life Trust and its volunteers have done in preserving the willow holt and in planting the national willow collection. Members also learned about the crop of cricket bat willows which the Wild Life Trust were able to sell to the family firm that planted them 45 years ago. Tracey thanked Claire for an interesting and enjoyable walk.

8. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 4.00 p.m. at The Roman Way, Newark where Susannah Nelson will be giving a talk on back care in the workplace.