

WOMEN IN NEWARK

Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday, 11th November 2008 at 4.00p.m. at The Red House, Kelham, Newark, Notts

1. The Chairman, Elaine Ellison welcomed all members. Apologies were received from:

Jackie Watts	Sue Lovell
Gwyneth Jeyes	Liz Walker
Anne Robson	Kirsty Cole
Amanda Hamilton	June Rowlands
Jane Mills	Liz Norton
Angela Foreman	Sally Yates
Diane Price	Tracey Hughes

The members introduced themselves.

2. Elaine was delighted to report that two showings of Mamma Mia in aid of the breast screening unit at Newark Hospital have raised a grand total of £2,284.00 and had been a great success. During Breast Cancer Awareness Week £7,000.00 had been donated to the hospital for their Screening Unit.
3. The next fund raising event is a lunch to be held on 20th November at The Roman Way, Lincoln Road, Newark. Cost : £12.00. time: 12.00 for 12.30 p.m. Aura Fashions will be putting on a fashion show at the same time.

There are a few places available if you would like to contact Elaine on 01636 708630.
4. Jennie Searle invited everyone to her open week and exhibition at Woodbine Farmhouse, Sutton on Trent.
5. Paula Routledge of Floral Media circulated the information about her Christmas Workshops.
6. Lisa from Compton House said that she was having an evening on 28th November at 7.30 p.m. to approximately 9.00 p.m. with stalls all in aid of Meningitis Research. All are welcome.
7. Elaine then welcomed the speaker, Sarah Willis who is a Civil Celebrant. She explained that a Civil Celebrant arranged celebrations for significant events in people's lives from birth to death.

Her husband died at a very young age. Because of his death, she re-looked at her life and went to University and eventually in 2006 decided to train as a Civil Celebrant. People ask her to arrange naming ceremonies whereby they celebrate the birth of a child, welcome them into a family and possibly appoint

guardians which are the equivalent of godparents for that child. There are wedding celebrations but she cannot conduct a wedding ceremony, a Registrar has to do that. She always works closely with the couple involved and includes in the celebration stories, poems and anything that they wish. She also conducts funerals where people do not want a religious ceremony but want some form of celebration of the life of the person who died.

She said that she had made mistakes through her life but she had learned a lot and she really enjoyed what she was doing now. She obtained immense satisfaction in helping people achieve their aims with their celebrations.

8. There will be no meeting in December but just to remind you that the Christmas Dinner is at The Roman Way, 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. on 9th December. There are still some places available if you would like to contact Elaine. Cost: £17.99.
9. The next formal meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 13th January 2009 at 4.00 p.m. at The Roman Way, Lincoln Road, Newark.