

Committee meeting
Wednesday 6th April 10.30am
Hillstown Village Hall

Present: Peter Coombs, Jean Hassall, Wendy Lines, Steve Holloway, Gwen Webster, Gary Hewitt.

Apologies: Gill Daly, Jen Sykes

Matters Arising:

A.G.M. preparations appear to be on track

Flowers for Fun: Jean has arranged a flower Demonstration with the Lottery grant for 29th April 2pm, Hillstown Village Hall. Kevin asked to put the details into the next newsletter.

Trees have been purchased for the Jubilee. A flowering cherry and pink hawthorn...a letter has been sent to the Village Hall asking permission to plant along the Mansfield Road, within the Hillstown boundary.

Podcast done by Wendy, Gwen and Gary. We discussed copyright and we can put the original where we like but the edited copy is under Elastic FM copyright. We can, put a link to the Elastic FM podcast if we wish.

Storage rack has now been delivered for the Bowls mats and is in place.

Art appreciation article has been forwarded to Kevin for the Newsletter.

Group write-ups from Group leaders have not as yet made their way to Peter. Perhaps we should email Group Leaders a reminder. The Membership pack has fallen into disuse over the last 2 years and needs to be revived to include National Office leaflets, a list of groups with contact details and a current diary.

Jubilee preparations.... Basically, we are joining the arrangements made by Hillstown and will be present using the gazebo. It was suggested that we ask our various groups to contribute to a patchwork quilt. This can be patchwork, embroidery, appliqué or painted fabric. Which, we hope to hang in Hillstown Village Hall.

Chair Report: Next meeting of Derbyshire Network will be 4th May, which Peter and Wendy will attend and therefore the next committee meeting is to be held on Thursday the 5th May.

Secretary Report: Committee Nomination forms have been received. It was agreed that in future a text photo of application forms will be accepted in order to be received in time followed by the proper form being handed in.

Treasurers Report: Jean said she has had dealings with Lloyds bank (via another group) and was impressed with the service and services offered. The TSB has been quite slow and generally not hitting the mark. It was unanimously voted that if Jean thinks it appropriate, she may move our account to Lloyds bank.

Group co-ordinator report: Group leaders meeting was well attended. Group leaders were asked to update the general information for their groups and check dates and venues are correct.

A.O.B.

Website:- It was decided that we move the website from Wordpress. We will contact National Office and see what can be done.

Storage rack for Bowls carpet is here and in place.

There is a Barn Dance coming up at Hillstown and it was decided to allow a poster in the newsletter.

Who may use the equipment that we have? It was decided all groups may have use of the audio-visual equipment providing they have been shown how to use it and put it away, but must sign a book to say it was used and put away properly.

Alison Cowley had been in touch and is keen to start some chair-based exercise classes for the u3a. She is asking us to cover hall hire plus expenses. It was decided that we should ask her to go direct to the village Hall and open the exercises to all users of the Hall. This would hopefully increase the number of people attending.

Gwen asked about arranging an antiques valuation for one of the monthly meetings. It was decided this would probably fit in with a social meet when we don't have a speaker.

Gwen also wondered about arranging a Deaf signing course. We will ask at the next monthly meeting how many people will be interested.

Next meeting 5th May 2022 at Hillstown.