

**WEST LoTHIAN 50+ NETWORK**  
**MINUTES OF MEMBERS' MEETING HELD ON**  
**SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2018 IN**  
**BRITISH LEGION CLUB, BATHGATE**

Anne Webster, Convenor, welcomed members and visitors to the meeting. She introduced Pamela Knox-Welsh from Levensat.

**1. THRIFT SHOP**

Kate Blake popped in from the Thrift Shop, to inform the meeting that the Thrift Shop was still open and would be open all day Monday and Tuesday 20/21<sup>st</sup>. Donations still welcome, and volunteers needed for Monday and Tuesday mornings.

**2. PRESENTATION – LEVENSEAT WASTE MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

Pamela Knox-Welsh gave an interesting presentation about the various methods of recycling used, including conversion to energy at their plant. She also answered questions and was able to give advice on domestic recycling and the role that the company plays in conjunction with West Lothian Council. Levensat Trust sponsor a local football team as well as working with schools, encouraging the next generation to be more aware of recycling. They also donate funds to organisations mainly for building works, the Network to get more information on this. It was agreed that a visit to the plant be organised for those who are interested. Anne thanked her for her presentation and for answering members' questions.

**3. LOTTERY**

July's winners are: £25 Alec Smith  
£15 Alice McCulloch  
£10 Isobel Wilson

August's winners are: £25 Anne Scott  
£15 Anne Dixon  
£10 Jim White

**4. OBITUARIES**

Three members of the Network had recently passed away:

Raymond McLaughlin, a long serving member who enjoyed holidays through the Network with his wife Marion. Raymond was also an active member of the PROBIS here in Bathgate.

Jack Costello, a member since 2016 who loved going to the theatre with his partner Rosalind. He also enjoyed many functions and holidays with the Network

Ian Hunter, a member since 2014 was the leader of the Bowling Club for many years and helped with Genealogy Group. Ian and his wife Liz supported the Network in many ways over the years.

**5. OFFICE/RECRUITMENT**

Tracy Kerr will begin work with the Network on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018. Her hours of work will be Tuesday to Friday. 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. initially, to be reviewed at a later date.

## 6. DAY TRIPS

### Traquair House:

Trip to Traquair House arranged for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The House will be decorated for Christmas and there will be a Christmas Market. A Brewery Tour and Ale Tasting will be available for £7.00 payable on the day. Unfortunately, people with disabilities will not be able to access the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. A lunch of soup, sandwiches, tea/coffee will be available. Cost for the trip is £15.00. There is no charge for entry to the House, just a donation for charity.

The bus will leave at 9.30 a.m. from the Partnership Centre. Names and payment will be taken on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

### Musselburgh Races:

Names can still be taken for this trip on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Names and payment to be handed into the office by Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2019. The journey will be by train and minibus, times are not yet known. Admittance will be £17.00 if they produce their concession card.

### Gin Tour:

If there is enough interest, the gin tour will be repeated this year, taking place on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019, as well as something from Edinburgh's Christmas Programme of Events. Last year it was the ice sculptures, but this year's programme is not available yet, so further details will be brought forward.

## 7. HOLIDAYS

### LIVERPOOL:

21<sup>st</sup> January 2019, Monday to Friday at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool. Cost of holiday is £189.00, itinerary to be finalised and announced. Names and deposit of £20.00 can be paid on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

### MONTROSE:

The planned Montrose holiday was cancelled due to insufficient interest.

### CHINA HOLIDAY:

Has been postponed until October 2019 due to unforeseen issues which have arisen. More information will be brought forward as it becomes available.

### AUTUMN HOLIDAY 2019:

It is planned that the holiday in September 2019 would be a city break. Suggested destinations at present include Prague, Krakow and Barcelona but other suggestions are welcome. Please give any suggestions to the office.

## 8. THEATRE TRIPS

Three Pantomimes are suggested: -

Jack & The Beanstalk	Howden Centre	£16.00	Up to 28 <sup>th</sup> December
Beauty & The Beast	Kings Theatre, Edinburgh	£20.50	Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> January
Aladdin	Kings Theatre, Glasgow	£25.50	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> January

Please pass a note of interest to the office by Friday 31st August. A decision will be made to go with the most popular choice.

## **9. GROUPS**

### **INFORMATION UPDATE:**

22 responses out of 36 groups have been received with updated information. Accurate information is needed for West Lothian Council, Age Concern Councillors etc. so the Leaders who have not responded so far are urged to submit their updated list.

### **THEATRE GROUP:**

Tony Murray told the members that an Amateur Dramatics (Am-Dram) Group is to be set up and asked for those that are interested to put their names into the office.

### **SING & SWING:**

Starts again on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in the Partnership Centre, from 11.45am till 1.45pm. Anyone who would like to join should just come along.

### **BRIDGE CLUB:**

The Bridge Club is struggling for members. It meets in the Partnership Centre on Mondays from 7.00pm – 9.00pm. It was stressed that it is not necessary to be able to play Bridge to join. Anyone interested should just come along the first Monday in September.

## **10. ANY OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was received from Jennifer and Karen Heenan thanking the Network members for their support of SCAD.

## **11. SPEAKER FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING**

Alex Kemp, Guide Dog Association.

## **12. DATE OF NEXT MEMBERS' MEETING**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 10.30am in the Royal British Legion.