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1. Welcome to members and new members.

Anne Webster, the Convenor, welcomed everyone and in particular, Mary Ferrie and Helen Orr. She informed members that this meeting was a celebration to say thank you to Mary and Helen for all the work they have done for the Network during the 24 years or so they have been in the organization.

2. Speaker.

Due to a double booking, the speaker was unable to attend the meeting.

3. Coin Jar.

The coin jar was inadvertently left in the office. However, there was a container into which members could put any loose change.

4. Job Advertisement.

The members were informed that there have been 6 replies so far for the post of Office Assistant.

5. Holidays and Outings.

Jim Dixon informed members of the proposed visit to China, possibly towards the end of May 2019. 16 members are required to make it worthwhile. A form with details of the trip for anyone interested will be kept in the office.

The Men's Group are visiting the Secret Bunker on Wed. 20th June at a cost of £9.50 a head.

6. Day Trips.

Musselburgh Horse Racing – Wed. 29th August 2018.

First race 2.10 pm. Last race 5.10 pm. Admission £17 per person (discounted price)

Travel by bus or train.

Return fare from Bathgate to Musselburgh is £4.20.

If travelling by bus, there is a 5 – 10 minute walk to the race course.

If travelling by train, there is a mini bus shuttle service from and to Musselburgh station to/from the racecourse. Times of mini buses have yet to be announced.

Please give names and money to the office by Tuesday 14th August.

Further details to be announced at August meeting.

7. Theatre.

There are four possible trips:

1. The Rain Man – 1st to 6th October. Matinee on Wed. 3rd October. Cost £29 or £26 concession.
2. Calendar Girls – the musical - Tuesday 2nd till Sat. 13th October in Festival Theatre. Possible matinee on Wed. 10th. Cost £40 or £37 concession. There is a matinee on 3rd Oct. at £34.31 but seats have restricted view.
3. Macbeth – October 22nd till 27th in Festival Theatre. Thursday and Saturday matinees at a cost of £30 or £27 (concession) and £32 or £29.50 (concession) respectively.
4. 4. Shakespeare in Love in Kings Theatre 12 till 17th November. Wednesday 14th matinee. Cost £30 or £27 (concession).

A show of hands showed some interest in nos. 2, 3 and 4.

8. Groups Update

- a. Ukulele group will start on Tuesday 19th May from 2-4pm in Rosemount Gardens.
- b. Peebles Walk – Only some places left on 4 mile walk.
- c. Lunch club is finished till August.
- d. Willie Webster suggested a new group which would be an Outdoor Throwing Games Club. This would include boules, Kubu, Horseshoes, Molky etc. It would take place in various locations depending on the activity taking place.

9. Membership Survey.

There were 112 replies to the survey, 52 of which had suggestions for future day trips. It was felt that the upper limit for such trips be £30. More time was asked for socializing during the monthly meetings. The Convenor suggested that once a quarter we do not have a speaker and members can then socialize. A show of hands showed that this was acceptable. Copies of the Survey are in the office for members who wish to read it.

10. Lottery.

This month's winners are: £25 Wilma Robertson
£15 Anne Webster
£10 Valerie Campbell

11. **Buffet.** The Catering Staff of the Legion provided a beautiful spread of sandwiches, sausage rolls creamed scones and cakes. A quiz was handed out to members to complete before the end of the meeting.

12 Presentation to Mary Ferrie and Helen Orr.

Both were given lifelong membership of the 50+ Network together with a voucher for afternoon tea in the Signet Library, Edinburgh and cards signed by the members that had popped into the office and those that were at the meeting.

Mary also received a flower arrangement whilst Helen, who is allergic to flowers received a rose plant for her garden.

12. Thank you from Mary and Helen

Both expressed their gratitude for the kind wishes. Mary said she got a lot out of the 50+ Network and Helen said a big thank you to everyone and everything in the 50+ Network. They also thanked the committee and the British Legion.

13. Thrift Shop

Members were reminded that the Thrift Shop will take place from 15th to 22nd August and were asked to look our items which can be sold in the shop. Please be aware that we are unable to store anything in the office.

14. Answers to quiz.

There were two winners of the quiz and they received two bottles of wine each.

The meeting concluded with the Convenor reminding members that there is no meeting in July.

The next meeting is on Saturday 18th August and the speaker will from from Levensat Recycling entre.