



West Lothian 50+ Network

Minutes of Members Meeting – 16th April 2022

1. **Introduction:** Liz Wark (deputising for Convener) welcomed members and explained that the scheduled speaker from the Brock Centre was unavailable due to Covid. Instead, members were presented with an Easter quiz, which was thoroughly enjoyed.
2. **Business:** The AGM will be held on the 21st May and volunteers are sought to join the Committee. Suggestions are also sought for next year's Charity. The sweetie Jar has raised around £200 for this year's charity.
3. **Events:**
 - **Street Fair:** The Procession Committee are resurrecting the Street Fair this year on 21st May, and the 50+ will take a stall beginning after the AGM. We intend to sell books and jigsaws and hold a lucky dip bottle stall. To this end we will be grateful for bottles of any description and bottle bags to be handed in to the Hub.
 - **Jubilee Street Party:** This will be held in the Hub and will, hopefully, spill out into the precinct for singing, dancing etc. Tickets will be free and will be available from the Hub from 11th May on a first come, first served basis. A competition will be held asking members to design and make an artefact commemorating the Jubilee e.g. a bookmark, a floral arrangement, a hat, a poem, a painting etc. Entries to be handed in by 1st June.
 - **Stewarding:** The Procession Committee are looking for volunteer Stewards to help on the Procession Day. If you're interested, please give names into the Hub.
 - **Creative Writing:** We have given permission to the Procession Committee to use the Hub on Sunday 29th May for a Creative Writing Group as part of the Procession events.
4. **Trips:**
 - Saturday 30th April; Abbotsford House, home of Sir Walter Scott, after the tour free time in Melrose. Now open to family and friends.
 - Saturday 29th May; Seahouses and Bamburgh. Bus leaves at 9.00am. 2-hour journey with toilet stop at Dunbar. £15 for coach only. The plan is for some time in Seahouses then on to Bamburgh for free time. There on offer is the Grace Darling Museum, Bamburgh Castle, the beach or an optional boat trip from Seahouses. Tickets on sale from Wednesday 27th April.
 - Tickets are still available for the Enchanted Forest on Sunday the 30th October; Price £39, deposit £20.
5. **Holidays:** Some places are still available for the holiday to Bletchley Park and the National Arboretum, on 22nd to 26th August - £330.

6. **Comments from the floor:** After the meeting, a member raised the question of the venue. He felt unhappy with current arrangements and asked to go back to the Royal British Legion, Bathgate. It was agreed that this be raised at the next Committee meeting.

7. **Next Meeting:** The May Members' Meeting takes place on Saturday 21st May 2022 at 10:30am in the Hub, George Street, Bathgate. The AGM will start at 11:00am, please be advised that you need to be a paid-up member to vote.



Liz Wark - Treasurer

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