



WEST LOTHIAN 50+ NETWORK

MINUTES OF MEMBERS' MEETING HELD ON 18TH February 2023

SPEAKER

The speaker today was Electra McPhillips, former executive producer at Reconnect Regal, who spoke about the history of the Regal and the plans for its future.

TRIPS Heather outlined the trips on offer

- **Cambo Gardens** on 25th February was sold out on the first week.
- **Hill House** and Helensburgh on 25th March, and tickets are on sale from 1st March. The cost is £24.50 (£15 for coach only if you are a member of the National Trust). The Hill House is considered to be Charles Rennie Mackintosh's masterpiece, commissioned by book publisher Walter Blackie.

HOLIDAYS

- **Summer holiday offered to Stratford, Warwick and North Cotswolds.** 29th May – 2nd June 2023. The holiday is based in the Mercure Walton Hall Hotel & spa, a 16th century Grade 11 listed building, situated within 65 acres of private grounds. Excursions offered to Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwick, and Burford in the Northern Cotswolds. Cost £389 for dinner, bed and breakfast. Single supplement £100, deposit £30. Balance due by 31st March. Optional Glenton's insurance available for £10 which should be paid with deposit.

EVENTS

- **Daffodil Tea** will be the next event, this will be held instead of our next monthly meeting on 18th March from 10.30 – 12.30 in the Hub. Tickets on sale from 1st February £5.
- **Senior's cinema opportunity at Bathgate Cinema.** This is a trial, and, if successful could become a regular feature. It will be held on 23rd February, arrive 10.30 for film showing at 11am. Film will be: Elvis. Film, tea, coffee, biscuits will be on offer. Cost £6.

GROUPS

- **Men's group.** A new men's group will be starting shortly, probably Mondays 10.00 to 12.00. Dominoes & darts will be on offer. We are looking for expressions of interest.

STAFF

- Anne introduced Leanne who will be our Manager temporarily to give us time to recruit permanently. Leanne has been working with us for several months to install a new finance system.
Anne pointed out that we are training new staff and asked members to be patient as the new staff get to know the Network.

- Anne further introduced Natasha, who has been working for us as a temp for some time and has now become a permanent member of staff. In addition, Michelle from the temp agency has joined us on the front desk.

NEW MEMBERS' MEETINGS

- The first of these was held on 6th February and was so successful that 6 new members joined. The next two sessions will take place on Thursday 9th March and Thursday 6th April from 11.30am to 1.30pm

SOCIAL EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

- We are still looking for volunteers to form a subcommittee, which will think up, organise and run events. Some of these will be fundraising and some will be organising internal events. If you are interested in helping us, please give your name to the Hub or to a member of the Committee.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

- These are due on 1st April and will remain at £20. You can pay any time from now in all the usual ways: by phone with a card, cheque, bank transfer (remember to put your name in the Reference box) or pay in person at the Hub.

AGM

- To be held in May as usual. In order to accommodate the large numbers who may wish to attend, we have provisionally booked 2 larger venues, The Regal, Bathgate for Saturday 20th May and the Hilcroft, Whitburn for Sunday 21st May. We further asked that you let us know if you wish to attend and which is your preference. We need to let these venues know by 1st March, so if you wish to attend please let the Hub know by Monday 27th February. Response so far has been poor, so unless there is a rush to attend by the 27th February, the AGM will be held in the Hub.

NEXT MEETING

- The next members' meeting will be replaced by the Daffodil Tea, as above, to be held in the Hub on Saturday 18th March.
- The following meeting will be on April 15th when Camille Archer, Music and Public Art Officer for West Lothian will be the speaker.

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Anne Webster – Chair, West Lothian 50+ Network