



Report for period 1st April 2012 – 31st March 2013 (For Bank Records until 9th March 2013)

Reporting Period explained

For this AGM meeting, we are reporting back on income and expenditure for:

Petty Cash – 1st April 2012 – 31st March 2013

Bank Payments – 10th March 2012 – 9th March 2013

The difference for the bank records is due to our statement date being the 9th March 2012, which means that we can not reconcile our records to present a true record of what has been cashed for cheque purposes from the bank account (e.g. cheques that have been issued, but may not have been banked yet by the supplier) 10th March 2013 – 31st March 2014 will appear in next years records.

Membership

The group currently have 91 members taking part in all the different activities that we run during the year. All members are now at £15.00 at this current time. This brings in an annual amount of £1365.00.

We have used some of this funding to sub trips and activities. We have also seen members of the Committee attending events to drum up support, so a big thank you to all of them, this includes Margaret and Soo.

Membership fees remains at £15.00 per year. We require these fees to be coming in to cover costs such as Printing, Postage, Internet, Website and Phone charges, plus to support some of the trips that we do not fill the complete coach.

Activities past during 2012 – 2013

- 8 day trips: Canterbury, Globe Theatre & Tate, Leighton Buzzard, Kew Gardens, Battle, Barnsdale Gardens, Eastbourne, Hampton Court;
- 1 x Race night,
- 1 X Party – Dec 2012,
- Various Quiz evenings,
- Bingo sessions,
- Ten Pin Bowling,
- Chinese Meal and members sometime arrange different trips and meals by themselves after aerobics.

We have started to notice a big decline in numbers attending the trips, which affect the ones that are normally over £20 per person. This is something to be mindful of when arranging the events calendar for 2014 at the end of 2013. Those trips that have seen plenty of members attend have been a success though. We are now starting to search around for different coach sizes to use if we only have half a coach full attending, but this does not really have any affect on the price as we still have to pay around the same cost per person in either a 48 seat coach to that of a 25-28 seat.

Moving forward for 2013/2014, we will be starting a bonus bond scheme. This will cover all trips that we run. Each time you as a member or your guests attend one of our trips, you will receive a bonus point. Once you reach 12 bonus points, you can then trade your points in for a trip to the value of £12.00, or choose to put this credit towards a more expensive trip. So please let friends know about our trips as you can collect their points by simply joining the group as a fully paid member. It may actually encourage them to join the group themselves to take full advantage of the trip bonus scheme.

Please remember as well that you can bring along guests to join you on the day, and also well behaved children! Ask if we offer free child places in future as some venues allow free places, it will be just the coach seat amount to pay if this is the case.

External Funding received

We applied for two different funding streams this year, but we were unsuccessful with Rochford Housing Association and also Rochford District Council. We will continue to seek funding available for our group to provide some more free or discounted activities for all to enjoy.

We have been successful with Waitrose Community Matters funding, but this will not be received until middle of May 2013, so will be covered in more depth in 2013/2014 account review. We do advertise free sports activities available from the different Councils and also our website, so always worth a peek.

Raffle Income – From Events and Coach Lottery

We have raised a great amount at Quizzes, Bingo and Coach Lottery, we do pay out for prizes though from this money, but still a good amount raised to go back into the club. In total we collected in £601.58, well done everyone; let's see the money keep rolling in to the group.

Weekly Activities

Aerobics: This continues to run itself, again, a great year for the aerobics. In total 46 sessions were run, collecting in a total of £2625.50, which after paying teacher £880 and hall hire £345.00, we made an overall profit of £1400.50. Lessa again donated a session for free at Christmas. A big thank you to Derrick, Barbara and Soo who keep turning up each week and help each other to collect the fees.

The profits are put back into the club to enable us to keep the cost down and also subsidise other activities that may not have been so successful.

Thank you to all the Committee members that helped to run the group last year.

Ray Styles – Chair - May he rest in peace now, we do thank him still for his hard work and total commitment to the group.

Derrick Brook – Vice Chair

Margaret Cooper – Secretary

Sarah Schofield – Treasurer

Soo Coleman – PR and marketing

Barbara Barfoot – General Member

Jill Parr – General Member

Your 2013/2014 committee will be announced at the AGM meeting on Friday 10th May 2013. Below is a list of members that have put themselves forward, some remain for this year from last years elections:

Chair: Derrick Brook - Standing this year as new position

Vice Chair: Margaret Cooper - Standing this year as new position

Secretary: Lynda Lecorgne - New member putting themselves forward to post

Treasurer: Sarah Anderson - remains in post for 1 more year from last year election

PR/Market: Soo Coleman - Remains in post for 1 more year from last year election

General: Barbara Barfoot - Asking to be re-elected this year

General: Jill Parr - Asking to be re-elected this year

We will be seeking to take a vote at the AGM to lower the age of the group to 40, down from 50, this may encourage a new age range of members to join.

End of report

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