

**CAER URFA SOUTH SHIELDS U3A**

**MINUTES OF MEMBERS MONTHLY MEETING**

**NOV 7<sup>th</sup> 2013 VENUE- ARMSTRONG HALL, SOUTH SHIELDS**

**CHAIRPERSONS OPENING REMARKS**

Joyce Smith welcomed the members and made them aware of fire exits, rest rooms and that hot and cold drinks/snacks would be available throughout the meeting. Also alcoholic drinks after 11am. She also reminded everyone to turn off mobile phones whilst the Speaker was giving his presentation. It was stressed all membership renewal forms must be handed in today and any cheques 'post dated' Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, as the next meeting is not until Jan 9<sup>th</sup> and the renewal date will have lapsed by then.

She continued to explain there would not be a members meeting in Dec. And the Jan. meeting would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. in the month not the 1<sup>st</sup> as usual as it is too soon after the new year. Members were informed that the 'Minutes' of previous months meeting are to be displayed on their notice board at every meeting for their perusal.

There are still tickets left for the Xmas party if anyone else would like to attend and reminded those who still have not paid their balance to please settle it today

**SPEAKER**

Bernard Hope's presentation 'It really is a wonderful life' was based on the very popular film 'It's a wonderful life'. He held a captive audience and you could have heard a pin drop. He showed clips of the film and conveyed the true meaning as how one person alone can have a huge effect on many other peoples lives, there were a few tears but also laughter. He concluded: no man or woman is a failure if they have friends. He was well applauded and the Ch. gave vote of thanks from us all. Next month's speaker is Stephanie Yearnshire (Chair of BoldonU3A) and the topic is 'Mary Cotton'.

After the comfort break the Ch. introduced all committee members to the audience then informed us that members can now borrow a DVD on a monthly basis at meetings and Chris Evans will keep a record of members name/date etc. In a book.

**CAPITATION FEES**

Ch. explained that the fee is decided by the committee and will remain at £12 a year. Where appropriate the cap. fee will go to Nat. Office, otherwise the £12 is paid into the members fund. Bede of Jarrow checked with Nat. Office and they verified this is correct procedure.

Tickets for the Panto cost £12, this is the correct price for the 'adult only' performance.

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FREE DIARIES FOR 100% ATTENDANCE AWARDED TO –

- 🕒 Joyce Smith
- 🕒 Eleanor Alderson
- 🕒 Brenda Pierce

Just pipped at the post , Rose Isaacs just missed out, but well done for attending all but one meeting Rose

### **ACTIVITIES CO-ORDINATOR**

Tony Kelly informed us of future activities:

- 🕒 Miss Siagon, showing in July. Tickets booked by the end of Jan. cost £9 (students edition) an activity sheet will be available to put names on for members interested at the Jan. meeting.
- 🕒 The Grey Hen mingle is to take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues after the meeting and not the 1<sup>st</sup> as previously.
- 🕒 New Zumba class is taking place at Cleadon Park Library on 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov on a weekly basis.
- 🕒 The Whist Club has had to be postponed until another venue is found.

For more information of above and other activities – please visit our website at – [www.cussu3a.btck.co.uk](http://www.cussu3a.btck.co.uk) ring contact from newsletter, or Tony Kelly on 4563068

There was a vote of thanks to all the activities leaders who were well applauded for their commitment and hard work.

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The winners of the blind cards were announced at the end of the meeting which finished at 12pm

**Next meeting is – 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2013**

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