

Basingstoke Breast Cancer Self-help Group

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Held on 22 October 2024

Chairman: Angela Bennett

Treasurer: Renee Smith

Newsletter: Liz Janes

Secretary: Heather Bounaouara

Attendees

28 ladies attended.

Welcome

Angela welcomed everyone after thanking the DTC nurses for their talk.

Minutes

Heather read out the minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Ark on 24 September 2024. They were then signed by Angela.

Chairman's Report

Angela mentioned how good attendance was at last month's meeting when we had Dr Remer come to give a talk. She added that we are fortunate to have various medics coming annually to our meetings.

Speakers

Angela has met with Dr Nadia Uraiqat, who is a radiologist. She is to give us a talk in June next year about how all types of scans are interpreted.

All the speakers are now booked for next year.

For next month's speaker, Mrs Stanton, please let Angela have any questions you may want to ask in writing by email. The cut-off date for these to be submitted is Tuesday 12 November.

Events and Social Events

The cake sale to take place on October 25 was mentioned again.

Christmas Lunch or Festive Cream Tea at the Ark:

Liz is organising this to take place between December 10 and 23 on a Wednesday or a Friday. A three-course lunch will be £30, a two-course lunch £27 and a festive afternoon tea £16. Renee is putting the menu on the group WhatsApp chat. To secure your booking, please pay £10 for the dinner and £5 for the cream tea.

Group Christmas Party at the Ark:

This will be held on December 17 and, as was done last year, Sharon and Debby's list of who is bringing what will be in circulation at next month's meeting. Angela reminded us of the Secret Santa and the £5 spending limit. She asked us if we wanted a quiz on this evening.

Heather will be representing our group at an all-day event organised by Wessex Cancer Alliance. There'll be feedback at the next meeting.

Last month's minutes were amended to correct the amount donated to us by Pam Monger's family: it was £100. And in memory of Pam Monger, Maureen has kindly donated £20 to our group.

Angela sought a replacement for Pat, who represents our group, to attend the Tadley AGM and Committee Liaison Lunch event. This will be on 4 November between 12pm and 3pm.

At next month's meeting, there will be a 'table-top sale' of mainly handmade goods, and we welcome Christmas ideas too.

Sue Seymour's 80th birthday was mentioned, and we will celebrate this at next month's meeting as Sue was unable to be here this month.

Angela has sent cards to the trustees of the Ark to thank them for allowing us to use the Ark in 2025.

The meeting closed at 8pm.