

# Dungannon VIP Club

## Annual Report April 2023 – March 2024

This year we were once again successful in getting three grants: £ 750 from Macan Trust for the Blind. This money was spent on transport where needed. We are very grateful for this grant as it is vital to our Club members.

£500 was received from the Woodlawn Trust and this was used for our Theatre Night out in Armagh in November 2023.

£750 was received from the Mid-Ulster Council and was used for Auditing, Insurance, and part payment for our annual outing.

Donations totalling £300 was received from four local businesses: McAnallens, Benburb Mills, Benburb, Frews, Moy and McCord Engineering, Cookstown.

Penny Box totalled £39.97.

Car Boot Sale raised £345.00.

Book Sales via Internet raised £30.16.

April 20<sup>th</sup>: We met in the Annagh Hall where we held our Annual General Meeting. The election of Committee was undertaken at this meeting and was facilitated by Mr Ian Williamson. A catering committee was also set up at this meeting.

May 17<sup>th</sup>: A picnic in Dungannon Park and games.

June 15<sup>th</sup>: Annual outing to Antrim Gardens and shopping and meal at Colemans Centre, Templepatrick.

July 27<sup>th</sup>: Picnic in Dungannon Park.

August 17<sup>th</sup>: BBQ at June & John's home at Drumlee. Entertainment and fun followed.

Sept 4 – 7<sup>th</sup>: 4 Day Holiday in Lorne Estate, Holywood. We all enjoyed beautiful weather and visited the Folk Museum at Cultra. We all enjoyed an Archery session.

Sept 21<sup>st</sup>: Met in the Hall and played Boccia. Letter was received from Mrs Anne Willis to tender her resignation from Chairperson of the Club.

Oct 9<sup>th</sup>: A special committee meeting was held to co-opt Mr Gerald McBride into office of Chairperson. This was agreed by all present at the meeting.

Oct 19<sup>th</sup>: Gerry was welcomed as our new chairperson. A gift voucher was presented to Anne for her retirement from committee. We had a visit from Fiona from RNIB and gave an informative talk on technology for Blind and Visually Impaired people. Greta started

up a WhatsApp group which has proved very useful for contacting each other.

Nov 16<sup>th</sup>: The meeting started with a minutes silence in memory of one of our members, Mrs Nellie Kirkland who has recently passed away. Mrs Doreen Donaldson was speaker today and told amusing stories and read poems, some that were her own poems.

Dec 4<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Dinner was held in Cohannon.

Feb 15<sup>th</sup>: Our meeting in the Hall. A minutes silence was held in memory of one of our members Mr Gerald Talbot who passed away recently. Our speaker was Mr Jim Smart, who entertained us with singing and playing his ukulele.

Mar 21<sup>st</sup>: Meeting in the Hall. Played Boccia, Uno and Draughts.

Our grateful thanks once again to go Loraine at COSTA organisation for all her help, for helping with the submission of our reports to the Charity Commission of N. Ireland. We have been, as you can see, a very busy Club and our thanks go to all who help with the many, many jobs which help to make the Club run smoothly. The Committee appreciate all the members support and look forward to all activities and events planned for the year ahead.

Gerald McBride      Chairperson

*Gerald McBride  
15/10/2024*

June Walker      Secretary

*J. E. Walker.  
15/10/2024*

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