**OUTPUT FROM ST ANNE’S GUILD ‘OPEN EVENING’ 7.00pm-8.30pm 0/06/25**

**ATTENDANCE 36 (Includes Committee, Guild Members, Parishioners, Others/Guests incl. two from Troon Churches**

**Comments from ‘Post-It’ notes left on tables at the end**

* Good discussion involving everyone - Evening meetings (at least some) would be a start to ‘open up’ to others.
* Thoughtful & Informative.
* An evening group every 2/3 months - especially lighter evenings.
* Invite other local church groups to our ‘Meet-Ups’ to help build Local Community.
* Difficulty hearing over others talking.

**Syllabus:**

* More Entertainment/singing with music e.g. Ukulele Band
* Invite Speaker-from ‘Blackthorn Salt’ based in Ayr that extracts salt from pure Troon seawater- Member heard recent/very interesting presentation - Company has appeared on Paul Murton's Grand Tours of Scotland
* Cooking Demo
* Yoga, or chair exercises

**‘Table Discussion’ Feedback**

* Recognition that the Guild does a ‘Good Job’/Highly Regarded. Committee does the work organising/arranging Syllabus calendar. ? Drop Guild title
* Why change?/Wouldn’t attend evening Guild sessions.
* Liked idea of Joint-Working with Social Group.
* More fun activities needed on Syllabus e.g. Line-Dancing, music/singing
* More involvement with Guild members in deciding future varied syllabus- ‘Open Day’ suggested for members to contribute.
* Liked ‘the best’ Christmas Dinner/Company/Laughs.
* Utilise Hall to invite local Theatre group e.g. Pantomime for families. (Advised pending refurb.)
* Concern at lack of access to small Hall due to furniture clutter.
* More outings requested - challenge of mobility/cost raised.
* Suggestion re. Minutes of 1st Guild Meeting to be read at September Meeting.
* *From the floor...Guild minutes no longer taken. Notes only.*

**Communication Issues Identified**

* Arrange ‘links with other Churches via Troon Going-Out Magazine (GOM).
* Access to Website/Facebook (Facebook more popular but not everyone has access) therefore include in GOM
* Good examples of Outreach work to community from Teviot Church guest e.g. “following birth of new baby”.
* Joint Guilds - strengthen links? - share speakers?
* After Mass teas/coffees in Hall, could have Guild info. display/leaflets?
* Highlight ‘social events’ on website.

**Evening Sessions Syllabus Suggestions**

* Speakers e.g. Local Councillor.
* Quiz Nights.
* Line Dancing.

**Final comments from the floor**

* ‘Not addressing the issues of a single Parish Priest covering 3 parishes’. ‘Why were the women from Prestwick/Mossblown not included?’
* ‘Too hung up on age of members- it doesn’t matter-it’s what we do as a group?’
* Emphasise the ‘good’ that can be achieved.’
* Guest from Portland Church commented that the similar issues highlighted tonight had been a feature in their Church too.