



University of the Third Age

BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A Minutes

**For the 205th Committee Meeting to be held at 11.00am
Monday 20th February 2017 in the Council Chambers at the
Buckingham Community Centre.**

Welcome

Present: Paddy Collins (Treasurer) Derek Morgan (Webmaster), Martin Paul (Vice Chairman and Speaker Secretary), Rosemary Gadd (Secretary) Dusty Rhodes (Publicity) Ani Savage (News editor)

- Welcome
- Apologies: Clive Cowdy (Chairman) Lorna Joy Janti Mistry (Membership) John White (Technical Support)
- Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 23rd January Approved and signed by Martin Paul
- Matters Arising: None
- Chairman's Report: None received. More meetings planned for Beds Bucks U3a. Aim for 3 open meetings a year. Education for committee members and a chance to liaise and share experience and common problems the main purpose.

GC's Meeting: Date proposed for May 2nd or 3rd. Rosemary to let Tim and Lilia know when confirmed with Maggie Pringle.

- Treasurer's Report
Updated Charity commission website with new trustees.
Paddy reiterated personal liability if something went wrong. Possibly worth changing to Charity status CIO: Charity Incorporated Organisation. Avoids personal liability but a lot of work. Paddy proposed going down this route. Use of TAT guidelines. Adopting standard constitution. Paddy will make enquiries. All agreed on this. Gift aid and Banks will need changing.

Request for hand bell purchase. £140 raised from groups towards bell.

Buckingham WI have an unused set. Ani will investigate whether these are available. £80 to be donated from U3a: £30 as previously promised plus £50 contribution to new bell.

Envelope stuffing costs: Ani to negotiate price with Techno Visual and other companies. Using lower grade paper or cheaper envelopes. Committee agreed to costs provided they didn't exceed previous quotes. Ani and Paddy to Liaise.

- Secretary's Report
Reminder next meet March 20th 11am

Dates for meetings next year. Please check so these can be booked asap.

Jan 22

Feb 26

March 26

April 23

May 21

June 25

July 23

Sep 24

Oct 22

Nov 26

Dec 17

- Group Liaison Officer:
Lots of activity with new groups. Singing a round started as has the Railway group. Greek Latin and Latin + on web site. Some GC Profiles need updating. Those who have talked to Derek are already done. Calligraphy group proposed.
Adrian wants to set up New orchestra group: Still developing. Wine appreciation group.: Still being reviewed. Lilia to promote French lunch alternative: Started but low numbers. Lilia will promote at Open meeting.

Lilia has serious concern re her role. Lesley Suggate is assisting Lilia at the moment helping in developing groups. Lesley has created a new email newu3agroups@gmail.com (please note all U3a email has .org.uk not gmail)

Decisions had been made without Lilia's consent / discussion which undermines her position eg for Lesley to be added to the web page and the magazine as "New group coordinator"

Lilia is concerned that Clive's **reported** decision to create this new role was not passed by the committee and is at present causing confusion for members as this role is similar to hers.

Lilia stated she needs a permanent shadow to support her in this role but is very grateful for Lesley's enthusiasm, present commitment and enormous help in this interim period while she looks for a shadow.

Action: Martin to Liaise with Clive to invite Lesley to consider being a shadow

- On Website only existing committee members to be named.
Checked with Paddy re The Centre price. Paddy Thinks £7.50 per hour.
- Membership: No report
- Website:
Counter on website 3000+ hits on main page since last month
Request to get groups to update.
Charity commission: ensure website notification no cash collections
- Publicity
Taster sessions: Can we bring up on GC meeting agenda
- Speaker Secretary: Mike Grillo this week. 2 types of teardrops talk about Roy Orbison and Del Shannon.
John Bercow: Still ongoing. Proving difficult to arrange.

Any Other Business:

Lilia would like a slot at Open Meeting

Ani deadline end March for newsletter.

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