



University of the Third Age

BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A Minutes

**For the 200th Committee Meeting held at 10.00 am on Monday
26th September 2016 in the Buckingham Town Council Chambers**

- Welcome

Attendance:

Clive Cowdy (Chairman), Paddy Collins (Treasurer), Rosemary Gadd (Secretary) Janti Mistry (Membership secretary)) Lilia Bogle (Group Liaison Officer) Don Horne (Publicity)

- **Apologies:** Roland Simpkins (Webmaster) John White (Technical Support)
- Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th July 2016
Signed by Chairman
- **Matters Arising:**
Stowe project problem: Booklet too much work for current designer so back to drawing board for solution.
- **Chairman's Report:**
Apologies for wrong date for AGM on Newsletter
Paddy will check room booking correct
Beds Plus: Strong feeling should be more activity. Paddy and Clive attending meeting next Thursday. Suggested 3x a year plus a study day per year. This to get some sense of wider U3a activities.
AGM: Everyone willing to stand again but they need to raise new nomination slip.
Dusty interested in joining.
December social thoughts. RG to contact Maggie to confirm. Invite to October meeting.
Invite Mike Weston and Roger Edwards for entertainment: RG/Clive to invite. Also sample of poems from poetry book (10 mins). Caroline Kneally. If recorders are happy to play Christmas background music.
Great Newsletter from Annie.
- **Treasurer's Report**
Collection for hospital car service: £73.
Recorders request for music stands. £180. Agreed. Cheque to Lindsay
RG to request Steeple Claydon concert donation for chosen charity should include U3a charity where possible.

Accounts We will be approximately £3000 down on the year as a result of deliberate spending of excess plus unplanned expenditure including BCC charges for Library rooms. Conference attendees were paid expenses. Need to increase charges for users of BCC accommodations to £1. Effective from 1st January. Clive to announce at meeting. Paddy to email groups concerned. Surplus at end of year. 9K. Barclays Bonds represents half. Overpayment of subs: Will go to U3a as it is a charity.

- Secretary's Report

Health Check initiative: They will let us know venue and times so that we can advertise them to members at open meet, through GC's and news letter

A craft lady is preparing a suggestion box/bag.

Dates now sorted for next year. 20th March now booked in line with open meetings.

There are now 17 Buckingham U3A volunteers who from this term will be helping children with their reading. In just one academic year, those volunteers are likely to complete about 10500 ten minute reading sessions. I will continue to encourage others to join.

- Group Liaison Officer

Various new groups and changes happening. Lilia wants to be more proactive in future with suggestions for activities. Tried this out with Bus pass explorer group. Great response. Gardening group now split to 2 smaller groups. Lesley Suggate to assist Lilia with proactivity. Lilia also attending first meetings of new groups. Sometimes there are issues with venue in houses rather than coming out to a meeting centre when numbers in groups rise. This may prevent group expansions.

New Italian Group. Recorders now has improvers group as well as main group. Lilia has a list of possible groups. Proposed singing a round. Has tutor available. May need to pay petrol from MK. (expenses). Also looking at French beginners group as 4 on waiting list.

GC workshop: U3a do workshops across U3a's eg with Beds plus. Clive to check at Beds Plus meeting.

Need new members coffee morning soon. Janti to look at how many are waiting. Possibly early Dec. Clive to talk to Jenny Booth (new members Liaison)

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- Membership

Access to membership account via card reader. 8th Sept scam call to Janti. Checked with Talk Talk who recommended contact with Bank as he had accounts open on computer during call. Accounts were blocked. Back in action. All accounts ok. Paddy concurred and had been kept informed by Janti.

813 members currently

Reminders for renewals sent out. 10 not renewing so 803. Age reasons and moving area.

7 members on pending list. 5 been contacted for removal. These people have not followed up initial registration.

Membership cards to go out mid November.

116 members already paid up.

1st October new membership year. Period of transition currently. Numbers will be down until payment received.

April 2017 GAD claims. (Gift Aid)

- Membership Survey
To Await full committee

- Technical Support
New sound system purchased.

- Website
Derek Morgan has been working with Roland on web site and web management information.

Any Other Business:

Lilia needs a list from John White of equipment held

Note: Lilia Absent Oct and Nov

Jo T taking mins next meeting

Disabled members: Problems at line dancing no bother currently but need to be H and S aware.

Another request for someone on bus pass explorer who has mobility problems.

Need policy: Essential to have a Companion who will attend free.

Trip to London 22Nov for celebration of 100th U3A on offer. No takers.

Anna Kavanagh and Lorna Joy to report back in October meet. RG to invite.

Written report beforehand if available.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 24th October 2016 in the Council Chambers at the Buckingham Community Centre at 10 am.