



University of the Third Age

## BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A Minutes

**For the 198th Committee Meeting held at 10.00 am on Monday  
20<sup>th</sup> June 2016 in the Buckingham Town Council Chambers**

- Welcome

**Attendance:**

Clive Cowdy (Chairman), Paddy Collins (Treasurer), Rosemary Gadd (Secretary) Janti Mistry (Membership secretary)

**Apologies:** Don Horne (Publicity) Roland Simpkins (Webmaster) Lilia Bogle (Group Liaison Officer) Martin Paul (Vice Chairman and Speaker Secretary) Carolina Kenealy (Newsletter Editor)

- Minutes of the Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016: Approved
- Matters Arising: None
- 10.00am Maggie Pringle re Summer Social  
Thanks for all the hard work and prep and planning  
Theme of Queen's birthday: Union Jacks etc  
Circulate invite to GC: **Clive**  
Catering for 180: Poss 10 extras food available  
If room is looking full committee to act to seat people around room  
One table for new people: Committee to support  
2.30 start: People will arrive from around 2pm.  
Contact for centre. Email in (Tim Scuddemore) **Maggie**  
Glasses hired in  
Budget Incl glasses/wine etc around £500  
**Committee members to help serving wine.**  
Red white and blue bunting/ Keep calm posters.  
Cake stands in theme:  
Dusty completing table quiz. Marking TBA.  
£1 cost at door.  
Committee provide prize for winning table.  
Food at 3 ish After quiz.  
Small amount of savoury items to be provided  
Hand bell ringers performing 20 mins  
Designed as a social event
- 10.30 am Lorna Joy re International U3a conference  
Saw Conference in 3<sup>rd</sup> Age Matters: Desire to increase international links.  
International Assoc of U3a

Very French led.

Topic was History and development of U3a in world. Wide spread of speakers from many different countries. Paper copies given in English. Interesting to see different models of U3A. eg Chinese state led but at local level more of English model.

French Model: University led.

Bulgaria new to U3a idea. Favoured British model with variation of cultural aspects.

Australia U3A uses on line extensively due to distances.

Jenny Carley: Part of International Committee TAT: Set up in 2015 with a view to strengthen links. She spoke about English system and links with TAT.

Poss links to broaden horizons in local U3as. Eg group level links across nationalities. Poss if different groups were to establish links not just language groups. Need to be inventive.

Ask Lorna to a GC meeting: **Clive** to action.

Poss links with Future Learn course.

Buckingham University Liaising with Clive re greater links

October conference in Osaka: More academic approach

Lorna to attend U3A conference in Nottingham in October

- Chairman's Report:

Lots of Charity events to advertise: Brain Injury Trust emailed GC's directly. **Clive** to check as this not in line with policy

Only support own charity as agreed earlier in committee: Hospital Drivers U3A conference and AGM : Lorna Joy Plus one to attend:

Newsletter model available from Anita: Highlight headings in bold: **Clive** to liaise

Young Farmers request for Line Dancing demo: Suggest they make a donation to our charity

- Treasurer's Report

Bucks cost increase may need increase in charges to members long term £10416 total in hand. Social £4809

Social to come out of main account.

Beds Plus Meeting: No organiser available.

June Bolton: Anglia network: invited to talk on July 4th: Clive and Paddy to attend.

Youth Club can accommodate U3A groups. After refurb.(**Lilia**)

- Secretary's Report

Nothing to report

Bucks Literary Festival to be put on website (**Roland**)

- Group Liaison Officer

No report

- Membership

6 new members: 789 members currently.

9 applications at last meeting requested.

### **Membership Survey**

Lots of work completed by Janti: Postponed to meeting when others available.

Q1: Identifies

Q2: onwards information seeking

Possibly ask about age groups.

Is survey to improve or just to know. Want to find out what we can do to improve things.

Returns time limited.

**Please have your ideas ready for the next meeting!**

- Website

No report

### **Any Other Business:**

AGM meeting to be put on cards: November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016

And 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2017

Purchase of badge holders: Agreed **RG**

Prizes for July social **RG**

Next meeting to be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016 in the Council Chambers at the Buckingham Community Centre at 11 am.

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