



University of the Third Age

BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A Minutes

**For the 199th Committee Meeting held at 11.00 am on Monday
25th July 2016 in the Buckingham Town Council Chambers**

- Welcome

Attendance:

Clive Cowdy (Chairman), Paddy Collins (Treasurer), Rosemary Gadd (Secretary) Janti Mistry (Membership secretary)) Roland Simpkins (Webmaster) Lilia Bogle (Group Liaison Officer) Martin Paul (Vice Chairman and Speaker Secretary) Carolina Kenealy (Newsletter Editor) John White (Technical Support)
Anita Savage (New newsletter editor)

Apologies: Don Horne (Publicity)

Anita Savage re newsletter

April/Sep/Dec/ B&W. Copy dates set by Editor

Send copy to Clive for content

Richard Galleymore for proofing

Phillips for Printing: 650 households. Janti Provides labels plus 50 spare copies for Sep meeting with nomination papers for AGM. and agenda for AGM

RG to sort AGM inclusions and e mail to Anita.

Martin will send list of speakers for next 3 months. Social details if relevant.

Teas decided alphabetically.

Dec and April: e copies plus the printed copies for requests.

Supplied to Roland in addressed envelopes. Roland then posts. Phillips invoice Paddy directly.

Only adverts allowed are: Beryl for holidays. Denote it is an advert.

newsletter.editor@buckinghamu3a.org

Copy to Anita by end August.

Editorial control rests with editor.

- Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st June 2016: Approved and signed

- Matters Arising:

It was agreed that the answers to the Quiz at the social would be given after tea.

- Chairman's Report:
Stowe Project: Shared learning experience. Booklet to be produced in conjunction with Stowe house about history of house/Buckingham etc. Booklets will be available for people visiting house/ local schools etc Free. Request for funding support: £100 agreed
E copy for U3a website? Clive to check if that is possible.

Beds Plus: Paddy and Clive went to meeting based on Cambridgeshire model. Brings together county U3as. Only works with dedicated organiser. Brian Baldwin (Ex chair MK) has offered to coordinate Beds Plus from next meet of Sept 29th.

Model proposed

Feb:Open Forum

June:Guest speaker

Oct:Workshop

Plus study day each year in group interest.

Lilia talked about number involved/payments (Nominal currently) and how feedback would work. Events would be self-funding.

We would need to support if we commit to this.

Will need article in newsletter: Clive

Clive to draft letter to Brian.

Director of Public Health Inviting health checks. Do we want to host a session for U3a? Set up a session and we will publicise it. Could have 5min slot at open meeting. RG to reply to invite

- Treasurer's Report
£10062 in Bank
Some overspend on bookings charges.
- Secretary's Report
Lorna Joy booked into AGM
Medals purchased for quiz
Plastic holders for badges purchased.
There had been a visit to a school on July 7th to run a Rug making class by the Craft group: Will put item in Newsletter
Readers in schools: ongoing process. Schools happy.
U3a diaries. Await circular from U3a. Clive will advise on numbers to order

Please check upcoming dates carefully for accuracy.

Committee meetings: Open meetings on following Wednesdays

September 26th 10 am

October 24th 10am

November 21st 10am

December 19th 11am

January 23rd 10 – 12

February 20th 11 – 1
March 20th 10 – 12
April 24th 11 -1
May 22nd 10 - 12
June 26th 10 -12
July 24th 11 – 1
September 25th 10 - 12
October 23rd 10 - 12
November 20th 10 - 12
December 18th 11 - 1

- Group Liaison Officer
2 new groups: Folk dancing (Community centre) and Italian (Home based)
Need to be slick about the venues. Confusion between Lilia and Paddy. In future refer to Paddy in first instance.

New members being encouraged to think of new ideas/groups etc.
Forging links between U3a and community: eg: Science and Technology group. Needs more advertising through website
Liaising with Royal Latin re languages
Talks in University and Post Graduate lectures also available to U3a members. Clive pursuing that also.

Stowe project: looking at arts side to make links with U3a.
How are we dealing with advertising to enable U3a members to participate?
Is there implied permission to advertise without going through committee?
Should Lilia continue to pursue these links with the community?

Clive replied that Don would send onto Roland if advert ok. In principal individual events are not advertised to every member. Can't send re events if not U3a run. But can post on web site.

Workshops from U3A matters. Becoming more local. There is one for GCs for self-directed learning. Lilia to contact to find out more then Clive possibly email GCs to see if they would be interested.

- Membership: Janti
As sheet: 798 currently.
- Membership Survey
Need to decide aims of survey and what we want to do with information.
Original thought was to test satisfaction for new members.
GCs would know whether needs are being met
Possible open meeting to discuss new ideas/future links etc.
Talked through questions on questionnaire one by one. Clive Thanked Janti for his work on questionnaire.
Suggestion box to be created. For open meetings: RG
Similar forum on website. Roland

Poss trial questionnaire for Gcs

- Technical Support
Need new sound system: eg line dancers having problems with it.
£200 to buy new PA agreed. Bluetooth and I pad friendly.
Will be accessible for others
- Website: Nothing to report

Any Other Business:

Insurance for Line/Square dance in December:
Susie Kelly belongs to national organisation. Can insure with named assoc.
Decided to Run as U3a event.

History Study day: email to local history group GC: RG

Lilia showed examples of a Prescriptions in a bottle stored in the fridge
scheme from Winslow Lions: Lilia to organise.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 26th September 2016 in the Council
Chambers at the Buckingham Community Centre at 10 am.