



University of the Third Age

BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A Minutes

**For the 204th Committee Meeting to be held at 10.00am
Monday 23rd January 2017 in the Council Chambers at the
Buckingham Community Centre.**

Welcome

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

1. Apologies: Lilia Bogle, John White (Technical Resources) secretary)
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19th December: Signed as true record
3. Matters Arising:

See Chairman's report

4. Chairman's Report:

Still talking to University re joint research projects. One group possibility for joint research is gaming theory.

GC's meeting for April: Await Lilia's return to arrange. Might need a name change in line with National U3a

Co-opted Lorna Joy to Committee. Proposed Rosemary Gadd. Approved Martin Paul. Trustee paperwork to be sent.

5. Treasurer's Report

As sheet attached.

Lloyds social account outside of Charity status.

CAF bank charging £5 a month for account.

In previous years surplus but now need some small increases eg £1 per Bucks CC rooms to begin to cover costs. Ethos is to make groups self-sufficient. Propose to let it run this year and take a view at AGM as to whether costs need to rise for group fees once this year is accounted for.

No change to subs planned.

Accounts accepted at AGM

Trustees forms to Paddy
Barclays account closed. Monies paid to main account.
Main charity accounts kept on Sage. Backups kept with Derek on server.
Open meetings now £1 at door.

6. Secretary's Report

From TAT: The Summer School brochure is available and has been emailed to everybody. Paper copy with Clive.

The Recorder Course will be taking place at Harper Adams University, Telford from the 17th to 20th July.

Health checks 7th – 9th March 2017 – Buckingham Library

Call 0800 781 4737 or book online at

buckinghamshire.nhshealthchecks.com

Lorna Joy attended opening of BPS extended school provision representing U3a.

7. Group Liaison Officer

Lilia absent: No report

Singing around: Clive emailed GC's to drum up support.

Geoff's French lunch group notice at Open Meeting

Some issues with Communication need to be sorted out with Lilia at next meeting: To ensure GCs always up to date. Possibly monthly email?

Railway group taking off.

Orchestra beginning to move.

8. Membership

As sheet

77 new members since July

Lapsed members have been sorted.

9. Website

Split theatre and outings pages: Dates up

Beryl now on email

New pages for new groups up on site

Some groups out of date; Liaising with Lilia to ensure updating.

Clive asked for access counter for website to see if it is used.

10. Publicity

Dusty Paid in over £1000 for Charity. Could pay in cheques via post office but not cash

Arranged with Old Gaol and Community Centre and Library for publicity

Dusty approach Town council for Chandos park board access. Possibly approach supermarkets.

New Charity Street Life monies from now on.

11. Speaker Secretary

Falklands talk this week

Projector is digital.

Costs now going up

Tom Tweddle John Bercow's PA Happy to do tour of Commons. This would be separate to John Bercow. He could meet afterwards. Give dates to them then they will try to match. Possibly involve Beryl. Martin to liaise.

Any Other Business:

Festive Lunch. 61 booked 4 no shows. Some unsold tickets. Issues with service. Good idea to keep it in January. Need volunteer to run it for next year.

Ani Savage: Look into having newsletters (and any associated printing) folded, collated and inserted into envelopes. Spoken to Phillips to help with folding. Could we bear the costs of having this process completed? Possibly at end of a committee meeting have envelope stuffing hour to help. Ani to ascertain costs from printers. Sept newsletter to be as others without inclusions.

Shadows needed. Please try to persuade them.

GC's Meeting: See above

Next meeting to be held on Monday 20th February 11 am in the Council Chambers at the Buckingham Community Centre.