



University of the Third Age

**BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A
Minutes**

**For the 208th Committee Meeting to be held on Monday 26th June 10 am
2017 in the Council Chambers at the Buckingham Community Centre.**

- Welcome
Present: Clive Cowdy (Chairman) Rosemary Gadd (Secretary) Secretary Paddy Collins (Treasurer) Janti Mistry (Membership), Lilia Bogle (Group Liaison Officer) Dusty Roades (Publicity) Ani Savage (News editor) Linda Beazley Proposed speaker sec.
- Apologies Derek Morgan (Webmaster) Martin Paul (Vice Chairman and Speaker) Lorna Joy
- Summer Social Catering Report: Maggie Pringle.
Catering for 160 on a first come first served basis: Details to go on website
The theme is summer garden party:
Budget £475
May need assistance on the bar
Lilia asked for labels and pens on table for names.
Clive asked that Maggie organise teas for next 3 open meetings. (Sep/Oct/Nov). Maggie agreed to cover on a temporary basis.
Maggie suggested that we begin to look for replacements for catering team. Slot at AGM in Nov. to raise this
- Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 24th April
Dusty giving up fund raising at end of calendar year.
- Matters Arising:
Draft report from Stowe house: leaflet completed and at printed. Paddy hasn't been asked for £100 donation as yet
May meeting was cancelled due to number of members on holiday
Group Liaison: Names kept as original to avoid confusion
- Chairman's Report:
Buckingham University liaison ongoing. Meeting with Alan Martin (Psychology). Harin Sella Hewa (Computer dept) may have a couple of suitable research projects. Clive to liaise
John Bercow booked for summer social. Subject matter suggested to be light.
Beds Plus: Dusty to attend next meet. Sept 28th.
U3a AGM will be attended by Beds Plus rep Brian Baldwin. We will pay 1/3 of costs.
U3a AGM August: Do we want to send anyone? Possibly ask Martin as next

Chairman. Better to have 2 people if poss. Some costs may be covered. Perhaps Lorna may be interested. RG to talk to her on Wed and let Clive know.

AGM: Clive will be standing down. RG/Ani/Janti: also.

Clive to talk at open meeting on Wednesday.

- Treasurer's Report

Current finances as attached. £10 subs means finances are tight . Each group should be self- sufficient. BCC costs have been increased. Some shortfalls currently. Paddy taking longer view. Open meetings do cost extra than the £1 charged. News letters are the biggest discretionary costs.

Actions: Collate e mails Via GC's and Janti so that data base updated.

Then we can send as many as possible by emails.

Linda asked whether any central funding. None! All raised locally.

Possibly push gift aid to raise funds. Send out Gift aid forms with membership card this year.

Linda asked about fund raising events. E.g. £100 club. Clive wondered about charitable status element. Our brief is educational and social.

Possibly present various options at AGM to be voted on. Eg Inc charges at open meetings or raise subs Lilia asked how to charge for groups in guidelines i.e., has to cover the cost of venue.

Paddy reiterated costs should be covered over the year.

Lilia suggested that subs should be set by committee. Mechanics to be decided at later meeting.

Croquet group: Using cricket ground: Request for new hoops and mallets.

Paddy suggested a donation of £50 then a further loan over 2 years for the other £150. Paddy to inform group.

Dusty asked if more groups could use golf club (For cost of a coffee)

- Secretary's Report:

Newsletters available from readers.org for those who are assisting reading in school. Available at the open meetings

Dates confirmed for committee for next year

Jan 22	10-12
Feb 26	10-12
March 26	10-12
April 23	10-12
May 21	10-12
June 25	10-12
July 23	11-1
Sep 24	10-12
Oct 22	10 -12
Nov 26	11-1
Dec 17	11-1

TAT educational resource survey Forwarded to Lilia for completion

The 2018 diaries will be available to order mid-August and will cost £2.50 each. RG to email everybody@. If you want one let me know. This should cut wastage down.

Following Di Proctors email re communicating with the GC's it was agreed she should e mail them direct. Clive to let her know.
Thanks to Paddy for booking the community centre for the open meetings next year.

- Group Liaison Officer
Meditation and Latin for beginners started.
Calligraphy pending.
No play reading group any more
Data protection issue where blind copies are to be used for emails. This will be in the handbook.
Handbook is nearly complete.
Lilia will complete survey from TAT re resourcing.
Will update GC responsibilities sheet.
- Membership
As sheet attached
Late payments peak in November. Difficult to handle. Possibly ask late payers to pick up cards from open meetings or ask a rep to pick it up.
In September Janti will send a reminder to GC's to ask them to remind members to pay.
- Publicity
Posters will be available for open meets.
Requested a paragraph in Buckingham Focus magazine.
- Website
Derek attended the Beds plus meeting: Report was read out by RG and we agreed to discuss management package when Derek available at meeting.
Derek should claim for paper used and mileage to MK
Website data shared

Website usage to be discussed at the next meeting

Derek to report on the above at the next meeting

Re data base: Janti should enable Paddy to access to it.

Any Other Business:

GC's handbook to committee for next meeting
News letter deadline End August.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 24th July 11 am in the Council Chambers at the Buckingham Community Centre.

