



University of the Third Age

BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A Minutes

For the 209th Committee Meeting held on Monday 24th July 11 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), Lorna Joy, Mike Weston. (Possible Vice Chair)

- Apologies: Ani Savage (News editor), Derek Morgan (Webmaster), Martin Paul (Vice Chairman and Speaker)

- Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 26th June

2 corrections: Janti standing next year.
Stowe leaflet now printed.

- Matters Arising:
Paragraph in Focus magazine did appear.

- Chairman's Report:

The new Committee: Update: Martin will stand for at least 1 year as Chair. Mike Weston prospective vice chair. Dusty thinking about it. Janti prepared to do another year. Lorna prepared to shadow Janti.
Role of secretary and newsletter editor vacant.

- Treasurer's Report

Been through all accounts. Most groups now nearly covering costs. Will make a loss this year. Transfer 1k from social fund to cover shortfall. Will discuss at AGM regarding costs and future funds.
Janti and Paddy liaised re emailed newsletters. Reduced by around 100. 250 still need printing. May be able to stuff envelopes in house at this number to save costs.

- Secretary's Report

No response re diaries! Paddy to order 20 diaries.
Office Relocation. TAT moving to Borough, Southwark and will be fully accessible
Paperwork sent to Clive for votes for regional officers etc. Clive to circulate information to committee for interest. He will place votes.

- Group Liaison Officer

New guidance: RG to send to committee for review.
Groups ticking over nicely. Orchestra group may be starting.
Updated Guidelines for GC's and Liaison Officer role sent to Clive and RG.
Lilia actively seeking new group ideas to broaden opportunities (Looking at other U3a groups)

- **Membership**

Sheet provided. Newsletter changes highlighted. Janti has worked hard to reduce the printed newsletters to 232. Need some for open meetings also. Print 250 copies.

Paddy thanked Janti for the back-up of the data base.

135 new members this year

Lilia asked whether we should check that the new members coffee mornings are reaching all new members. She will keep a record.

- **Publicity**

Written to town matters re U3a. May be in winter edition.

Report of John Bercow's visit to open meeting will be sent to advertiser.

Clive mentioned we don't actively seek new members: Just advertised by word of mouth. This may cause difficulties with quorum at AGM (Currently 20%). Also it enables Buckingham U3a to remain as a single group.

Raffle on Wednesday at Open Meeting. 5 prizes in place.

- **Website**

Website hit numbers sent out.

Any Other Business:

Wednesday's meeting: John Bercow expected. Finish speaking at 3.30.

He will be asked re trip to Parliament for U3a.

Lilia and Rosemary gave apologies. £1 on door. Derek to put boards up.

No issues with catering.

Meeting closed at 11.45

Next meeting to be held on Monday 25th September 10 am in the Council Chambers at the Buckingham Community Centre.

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