



## BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A

### MINUTES

**For the 261<sup>st</sup> Committee Meeting held at 10:00 am Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022 online via Zoom**

**Present:** Lilia Bogle (Chairperson); Howard Mordue (Vice Chairman); Paddy Collins (Treasurer); Roland Simpkins (Speaker Secretary); Mark and Katerina Owen, and Arthur Newman (Group Liaison Officers); Derek Morgan (Webmaster); Dorothy Morgan (Secretary).

**Apologies:** Sarah Katz (Newsletter Editor).

**Absences:** None.

- 1. Welcome:** The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022:** These were approved.
- 3. Matters Arising:** The Chairperson was updated on the last Committee meeting when she was away on holiday. There was a query with regard to a proposed new banner, and HM confirmed he was awaiting new photos so as to be in a position to order a replacement. He would look into this before the next meeting. **Action: HM**
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** PC confirmed there were no issues with regard to finances. The Annual Return had been submitted.
- 5. Membership Secretary's report:** JM had sent a detailed report to the Committee. He had a query regarding allowing Ukrainian visitors to join, there had been 2 so far and there could be a few more between the ages of 40-55. He has told them they should not be in full-time employment, and free to attend in the daytime. The Committee decided that this option should be open and inclusive for all refugees, not just those from Ukraine, and it was felt it would be self-limiting if they obtained employment, or the activities did not appeal to them. They would be invited to the Open Meeting. Regarding membership, there had been 19 new joiners which was the highest recently. He is confident with using the new system for renewals. Reminders will go out automatically 6 weeks in advance of renewal, and if not renewed they will get another reminder 2 weeks after that date. GCs will be automatically informed regarding lapsed members in their groups. He had sent out an all-members introduction to the system, with just one comment received.

He had 2 possible helpers come forward, and was receiving help in activating new members. He proposed to give them full access to the system and renewals could then be shared out between them.

He was looking into an online form for Gift Aid so as to avoid keeping paper copies dating back several years.

- 6. Speaker Secretary's Report:** There was nothing new to mention to the Committee. A speaker had been organised for the next open meeting in September.
- 7. Group Liaison Officer's Report:** AN had been looking at the new system. He had sent out an "All GCs" message to 75 people and had 18 read receipts, although many do have messages sent to home and don't use webmail.  
There would be a new GC needed for the Painting group, due to the passing of the GC, he would ask the group members to decide who might take it on.  
There was a new Venue suggested in Marsh Gibbon for a Drama group, but he wasn't sure this would work. They also had contact from someone trying to market her Italian tuition groups. KO mentioned she would be going to an online Group Co-ordinators conference. AN will continue to ask GCs to update their group pages, in readiness to move over to the new system.
- 8. Newsletter Editor's Report:** No report had been received due to SK being away on holiday.  
LB will write a statement about the progress with the new system to be included in the next newsletter, cut-off date is the 31<sup>st</sup> July.
- 9. Webmaster's Report:** DJM felt the Simple integration process had gone fairly well. He had updated the Quick Ref document. He had received notification of a survey regarding a proposal for a local Banking Hub, and would link to this from the website.
- 10. Any Other Business:**  
Summer Social was going ahead on Wednesday, LB would arrange for flowers etc for the caterers who were stepping down.  
DMM would print a list of attendees, and provide this to KO, who had offered to be at the door to welcome them.  
We will send 2 or 3 people to attend the TAT AGM being held in October.

**Next meeting (262<sup>nd</sup>) to be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
online via Zoom.**

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