



BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A

MINUTES

For the 279th Committee Meeting held at 10:00 am Monday 20th May 2024 online via Zoom

Present: Roland Simpkins (Speaker Secretary and Vice Chairman); Steve Warnes (Membership Secretary); Arthur Newman (Group Liaison Officer); Sheryl Hargreaves (Newsletter Editor); Sue Geary (Treasurer), Heather Haydock (Secretary) (6)

Apologies: Howard Mordue, Steve Meakin, Dorothy Morgan, Katerina Owen, Mark Owen

1. Welcome

RS welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting held on Monday 22nd April 2024

The minutes were approved with no changes.

3. Matters arising

SM had circulated a technical support update before the meeting. He reported that all the groups needing projectors and screens etc. have access to them. He has mastered the PA system for Group meetings including the induction loop. There are written instructions for using all the U3A audio-visual equipment. The 'Repair Cafe' have been very helpful in performing PAT Testing on some U3A equipment and SM has joined them as a repairer.

4. Treasurer's Report

SG reported that the finances are in order. RS is meeting with Jenny at the beginning of July about planning for the Summer Social; the costs are being kept as low as possible.

5. Newsletter Editor's Report

SH reported that she intends to get the newsletter printed tomorrow so there are copies available at the open meeting on Wednesday. Any further

comments are welcome by the end of today.

6. Membership Secretary's report

SW provided a report before the meeting. Membership numbers are still increasing gradually and now up to 825 members. The Group Leader who had not renewed her membership has now done so.

7. Speaker Secretary's Report

RS reported that arrangements are in place for the open meeting on Wednesday where Malcolm North will be speaking on the English Concertina and Rebecca Garnett will present for 5 minutes on her research on deprescribing medication.

8. Group Liaison Officers' Report

The GLO's report was circulated before the meeting. A member has come forward about restarting the theatre group and the GLOs have sent her the relevant info about restarting a group and suggested she speaks to the Treasurer about financial aspects. The theatre group would have to be financially self-sufficient. DM has kindly updated the GCs handbook. AN and DM have given IT support to a group leader who has been struggling with a new device.

9. Webmaster's Report

The website seems to be running smoothly at present and no issues to report. The GCs handbook has been revised in the light of comments received, and now reflects the current situation, particularly regarding finances. The relevant information has been circulated to all GCs along with the new Finance FAQs, and they have been added to the GCs Resources section on the website.

The updated Groups listing will be sent to SH in time for distribution with the forthcoming Newsletter.

DM has set up the Events area for the Summer Social, and it works in exactly the same way as last year. People will be able to sign up themselves by following the link with instructions for logging into Simple. The other ways to apply are to email Events@, ring the Enquiries line, or ask a GC or Committee member to add them to the list. Those not on email will receive a printed copy of the Newsletter containing information on how to notify their attendance. The message with the link will go out before Monday and will request that anyone who is unable to attend on the day lets us know as soon as possible. The site will keep a running list - as before - which can be printed as a register on the day.

10. Any Other Business

HH had received a request to use display boards for an event in Maids Moreton on 14th September. This was agreed in principle and AN will contact her to make arrangements.

Discussion of the TAT AGM in October was deferred to the next meeting.

It was agreed that Jenny does not need to be invited to the committee meeting in June because RS is already speaking with her about detailed arrangements for the Summer Social.

There was discussion of the TAT magazine and rebranding. It was agreed that no action is required.

Next Committee Meeting (280th) to be held 24th June 2024 at 10.00.

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