



BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A

MINUTES

For the 280th Committee Meeting held at 10:00 am Monday 24th June 2024 online via Zoom

Present: Howard Mordue (Chairperson), Roland Simpkins (Speaker Secretary and Vice Chairman); Steve Warnes (Membership Secretary); Katerina Owen, Mark Owen (Group Liaison Officers); Sheryl Hargreaves (Newsletter Editor); Sue Geary (Treasurer), Steve Meakin (Technical Support), Dorothy Morgan (Webmaster), Heather Haydock (Secretary) (10)

Apologies: Arthur Newman

1. Welcome

HM welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting held on Monday 20th May 2024

The minutes were approved with no changes.

3. Matters arising

DM agreed to send out another reminder about the summer social.

4. Treasurer's Report

SG reported that the finances are in order. It was agreed not to resume charging for open meetings. The asset list has been completed and it was agreed that the handbells should be revalued.

5. Newsletter Editor's Report

SH reported that the October newsletter has been started.

6. Membership Secretary's report

SW provided a report before the meeting. Membership numbers are still increasing gradually and now up to 837 members. As of July 1st, we move forward our renewal date for all members to 1st October 2024. All new members are signed up until the following renewal date of 1st October 2025. This is in preparation for the main renewal email that will go out on Sept 1st.

7. Speaker Secretary's Report

RS reported that arrangements are in place for the open meeting on Wednesday where Peter Barratt will be talking about his grandmother who was a suffragette. He suggested that we should train up a deputy to SM, so that there is cover for technical support; HM will mention this at the open meeting. The Spanish group will have a table at the meeting.

8. Group Liaison Officers' Report

MO and KO reported that the new members coffee morning went fine. They are exploring ways to set up the finances for a potential new theatre group. SW will look into card machines before the next meeting. Bank transfers may be a better option as they identify the payees. SG will find out what the bank account was originally used for. The person who previously ran the old theatre group may be able to advise.

9. Webmaster's Report

DM provided a report before the meeting. She reported that phishing attempts were the main concern and she had sent an email to warn people. Groups have been asked to do group returns on Simple.

10. Any Other Business

It was agreed that DM should be nominated to assign Buckingham U3A's votes for TAT Chair and to (virtually) attend the TAT AGM in October; DM will liaise with HH on this.

Next Committee Meeting (281st) to be held 22nd July 2024 at 10.00.

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