



BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A

MINUTES

For the 291st Committee Meeting held at 10:00 am Monday 22nd July 2025 online via Zoom

Present: Howard Mordue (Chairperson), Mark Owen (Deputy Chairperson and Group Liaison Officer), Sue Geary (Treasurer), Katerina Owen (Group Liaison Officer), Arthur Newman (Group Liaison Officer), Sheryl Hargreaves (Newsletter Editor), Dorothy Morgan (Webmaster), Roland Simpkins (Speaker Secretary), Steve Warnes (Membership Secretary), Heather Haydock (Secretary) (10)

Apologies: Steve Meakin, Andrew Richardson

- 1. Welcome**
HM welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Minutes of the previous Meeting held on Monday 23rd June 2025**
The minutes were approved with no changes.
- 3. Matters arising**
DM explained about the Enquiries phone service, which was previously free and now incurs a cost. It was agreed to drop the phone service and retain the email enquiries service. Members can also be advised to ask questions at the monthly meeting.
- 4. Treasurer's Report**
SG reported that the finances are in good order. She has a meeting with AR next month; he will be taking over as Treasurer at the AGM. Work is underway to change bank account signatories.
- 5. Newsletter Editor's Report**
SH reported that the next newsletter is taking shape with several articles in place. It is due to be published in October.

6. Membership Secretary's report

SW provided a written report. Membership continues to grow with three new members since last month and considerably more than a year ago.

7. Group Liaison Officers' Report

AN reported they sent out an email to all Group Leaders to ask them to check their group's details were correct on Simple. There was very little response. He also got very little response to an email requesting leaders for a crafts group. A Group Leader has offered to support others on using Simple.

MO reported there is interest in starting excursions, which could be run by the Committee rather than a separate group, and they are exploring costs and feasibility. There is an events system on Simple that could be used. Milton Keynes U3A has an Outings committee – DM will send contact details to MO. Various options for signing people up and collecting money were discussed.

8. Speaker Secretary's Report

Arrangements are in place for the Summer Social on Wednesday. Some additional help setting out the tables and the food would be appreciated, and some of the Committee agreed to be available for that.

9. Webmaster's Report

DM reported that matters are much as usual with spam emails to block, some website updates and general maintenance. The groups list has been updated.

10. Technical Support

SM will be at the Summer Social to provide support.

11. Any Other Business

DM asked about the TVN meeting next Friday and the consensus was that nobody is available to travel down to that meeting. DM will send apologies.

Next Committee Meeting (292nd) to be held on Monday 22nd September at 10.00.

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