



BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A

MINUTES

For the 293rd Committee Meeting held at 10:00 am Monday 20th October 2025 online via Zoom

Present: Howard Mordue (Chairperson), Mark Owen (Vice Chair), Katherina Owen and Arthur Newman (Group Liaison Officers), Steve Warnes (Membership Secretary), Sheryl Hargreaves (Newsletter Editor), Sue Geary (Treasurer), Roland Simpkins (Speaker Secretary), Andrew Richardson (9)

Apologies: Heather Haydock, Dorothy Morgan

1. Welcome

HM welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd September 2025

The minutes were approved with no changes.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Treasurer's Report

SG reported that the finances are in order and she has been working with AR to do year end. AR will be taking over as Treasurer after the AGM. AR asked for a set of rules and SG will ask DM to send them to him. SG stated the accounts for 24/25 were out and could any queries be emailed to her. She noted that the gift aid figure is large this year as it covers 23/24 and 24/25. SG will email Group Coordinators asking if they want diaries this year. AR stated he is away for the AGM.

5. Newsletter Editor's Report

The latest newsletter has been published and is being distributed.

6. Membership Secretary's report

SW provided a written report. The renewals process is well underway, and the bulk renewal system is working very well so far. All postal letters and emails have gone out with a reminder on 1st October.

7. Group Liaison Officers' Report

MO and KO reported that they met with Milton Keynes U3A who talked through how their outings group worked. They have a team of 6 people and on the day one person takes charge of ensuring everyone leaves and returns. MO and KO are happy to try and take this forward provided that a team can be formed and they will ask for help at future meetings including the new members coffee morning. They are looking at starting when the weather is better.

There are some groups looking for leaders. If the reluctance is due to Simple, we now have someone who has been successful with helping the Art group and is happy to help other groups.

8. Speaker Secretary's Report

RS confirmed that arrangements are in place for the Open Meeting on Wednesday, where there will be a talk on the history of pantomime. HM agreed to speak to Clarendon House and ask if they could provide a speaker for a short slot about their coffee mornings and how they can help those with early dementia.

9. Webmaster's Report

DM reported before the meeting that matters are much as usual with spam emails to block, some website updates and general maintenance. The accounts have been uploaded to the website, and an updated groups list has been sent out.

10. Technical Support

SM provided a brief update and will be at the Open Meeting to provide technical support.

11. Any Other Business

HH will work with DM to send out invitations to the AGM on 27th November. RS intends to stand down as Speaker Secretary but will still do refreshments. All other trustees present indicated their willingness to continue.

Next Committee Meeting (294th) to be held on Monday 24th November at 10.00.

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