



BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A

MINUTES

For the 295th Committee Meeting held at 10:00 am Monday 26th January 2026 online via Zoom

Present: Howard Mordue (Chairperson), Mark Owen (Vice Chair), Andrew Richardson (Treasurer), Katerina Owen and Arthur Newman (Group Liaison Officers), Sheryl Hargreaves (Newsletter Editor), Dorothy Morgan (Webmaster), Heather Haydock (Secretary) (8)

Apologies: Steve Meakin, Steve Warnes

1. Welcome

HM welcomed everyone to the meeting. He suggested we may need a shadow Speaker Secretary to support the new Speaker Secretary – this will be raised at the Open Meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting held on Monday 24th November 2025

The minutes were approved with a minor change to the list of attendees.

3. Matters arising

The Group Liaison Officers reported that they have spoken to the Badminton Group who would not want to relocate to the Community Centre.

4. Treasurer's Report

AR reported that the finances are sufficient going into the new year. He does not like Sage and has re-written the accounts in Excel. He would prefer to 'net off' the income and expenses associated with Group room hire; this should not affect what Group Leaders do. A shadow Treasurer or admin assistant may be helpful.

5. Newsletter Editor's Report

The next newsletter is due in February. No items have come through yet and

a request will be sent out. HM will send her the Christmas Social photo.

6. Membership Secretary's report

SW provided a written report. We have 859 active members, which is very slightly up on the same time last year.

7. Speaker Secretary's Report

There is a prospective new Speaker Secretary. HM and SM will be attending the Open Meeting.

8. Group Liaison Officers' Report

MO reported that they are continuing to get the Excursions Group going, with a planning meeting in early March. DM suggested someone should be assigned as administrator for this new group using Simple, as they do in Milton Keynes. Otherwise, group activities are continuing as normal.

9. Webmaster's Report

DM reported that matters are much as usual with spam emails to block, some website updates and general maintenance. An updated groups list has been sent out. She has approached a possible successor as Webmaster and they are coming to see the system. The job requires monitoring for a few minutes each day to remove spam.

10. Technical Support

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

11. Any Other Business

SH asked if another new members' coffee morning was planned; the last was in October. It was agreed to hold another in March, depending on numbers of new members and availability of the venue.

Next Committee Meeting (296th) to be held on Monday 23rd February at 10.00.

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