



BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A

MINUTES

For the 296th Committee Meeting held at 10:00 am Monday 23rd February 2026 online via Zoom

Present: Howard Mordue (Chairperson), Mark Owen (Vice Chair), Katerina Owen and Arthur Newman (Group Liaison Officers), Sheryl Hargreaves (Newsletter Editor), Dorothy Morgan (Webmaster), Steve Meakin (Technical Support), Steve Warnes (Membership Secretary), Heather Haydock (Secretary) (9)

Apologies: Andrew Richardson

- 1. Welcome**
HM welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Minutes of the previous Meeting held on Monday 26th January 2026**
The minutes were approved with a minor change to remove the name of a prospective Speaker Secretary.
- 3. Matters arising**
SW asked how the netting off income and expenditure worked and this was explained. SW noted about the new members' coffee morning – he has calculated the number of new members and it is in his report.
- 4. Treasurer's Report**
AR provided a brief update by email. There were no issues to discuss or questions for the Treasurer.
- 5. Newsletter Editor's Report**
The next newsletter is almost finished. HM will provide a short item about the death of a previous Group Liaison Officer and then it is complete and can be printed and distributed.
- 6. Membership Secretary's report**
SW provided a written report. He reported that membership numbers are still

growing. He has an issue with the administration of members who have died, including honorary members who do not pay subs. He does not always know that people have died as there is no mechanism for finding out. Committee Members will let SW know if they are aware of the death of a U3A member and will ask the Group Leaders to do the same.

7. Speaker Secretary's Report

We are still looking for a new Speaker Secretary. An email has been sent to all members joining since 2020. The speaker has confirmed for the Open Meeting and there will also be a 5-minute talk on The Buckingham Clothes Bank.

8. Group Liaison Officers' Report

KO reported that they are continuing to get the Outings (Excursions) Group going, with a planning meeting in early March. They will ask people to provide up to date next of kin information. The first outing is likely to be on Thursday 9th April. AN reported that the new Crafts Group is starting with 40 people registering interest.

9. Secretary's Report

HH asked about arrangements for Wednesday's Open Meeting. HM will welcome the speaker and DM will send an email to remind people about the meeting.

10. Webmaster's Report

DM reported that there have been a lot of spam emails to Group Coordinators recently, some where a hacker has got into a person's email address, some where they ask to update a password and some relating to employee benefits or weight-loss methods.

11. Technical Support

SM will be at the Open Meeting to provide technical support. HM will ask the Community Centre what time the door will be open.

12. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Next Committee Meeting (297th) to be held on Friday 20th March at 10.00.

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