



BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A

MINUTES

For the 299th Committee Meeting held at 10:00 am Tuesday 26th May 2026 online via Zoom

Present: Mark Owen (Vice Chair), Andrew Richardson (Treasurer), Dorothy Morgan (Webmaster), Katerina Owen (Group Liaison Officer), Sheryl Hargreaves (Newsletter Editor), Steve Warnes (Membership Secretary), Steve Meakin (Technical Support), Heather Haydock (Secretary) (8)

Apologies: Ann Elliot, Arthur Newman, Howard Mordue

1. Welcome

MO welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting held on Monday 20th April 2026

The minutes were approved with a minor change to the section about software requests.

3. Matters arising

No matters arising.

4. Treasurer's Report

AR reported that he received two large invoices from U3A Trust – one for memberships and one for the U3A Matters magazine. There was a discussion about the magazine and how it is part of the Buckingham & District U3A subscription. Both invoices will be paid.

Home Instead has offered to host a Summer or Christmas U3A event. Most felt this was inappropriate as they are a commercial organisation. It was agreed that they could be invited to give a 5-minute talk at an open meeting instead. AR will put them in touch with AE.

5. Membership Secretary's report

SW provided a written report. Membership numbers are still growing and

there are now 927 members.

6. Webmaster's Report

DM reported that she has been keeping the website up to date and recently issued the groups list. She has been preparing guidance notes for a potential successor.

7. Newsletter Editor's Report

Sheryl thanked everyone for their contributions to the newsletter. SW will provide address labels and DM will upload it to the website.

8. Group Liaison Officers' Report

MO reported that the outing to Worcester planned for 26th May was cancelled due to the hot weather and will be deferred to September. Someone was in touch about starting a Chair Yoga group but they have not followed up after being given more information.

9. Technical Support/ Speaker Secretary Report

SM will be at the Open Meeting to provide technical support. He has sent the speaker an email asking what audiovisual equipment she needs. We cannot record the Open Meetings because the speakers are reluctant but there are many other U3A talks available on-line. MO and KO will follow up with AE about music performers for the Summer Social. Bluetooth and a mobile phone could be used for background music.

10. Any Other Business

Our next committee meeting is the 300th so we plan to meet in person at the White Hart; MO/KO will book a table.

Next Committee Meeting (300th) to be held on Monday 22nd June at 10.00.

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