



BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A

MINUTES

For the 300th Committee Meeting held at 10:00 am on Monday 22nd June 2026 at the White Hart in Buckingham

Present: Mark Owen (Vice Chair), Katerina Owen (Group Liaison Officer), Sheryl Hargreaves (Newsletter Editor), Steve Warnes (Membership Secretary), Steve Meakin (Technical Support), Ann Elliot (Speaker Secretary), Dorothy Morgan (Web Master), Heather Haydock (Secretary) (8)

Apologies: Andrew Richardson, Arthur Newman, Howard Mordue

- 1. Welcome**
MO welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Minutes of the previous Meeting held on Tuesday 20th April 2026**
The minutes were approved with no changes.
- 3. Matters arising**
No matters arising.
- 4. Treasurer's Report**
There was no report from the Treasurer.
- 5. Newsletter Editor's Report**
SH reported that a new Newsletter Editor will take over after the AGM. No articles have been received yet for the October newsletter.
- 6. Membership Secretary's Report**
SW provided a written report. Membership numbers are still growing and there are now 935 members. Some of the groups are full and do not welcome new members so this can be a challenge with a growing membership.
- 7. Speaker Secretary's Report**
AE reported that she has secured speakers for September and October. One

of the future speakers is asking for an increased fee and this was agreed.

SM noted that this week's speaker has sent a PDF handout and he will print out some copies. The speaker plans to show a video. SW will provide SM with the password for the wifi at the Community Centre. AE will let people know that there is air conditioning at the Community Centre, as it will be very hot on Wednesday.

Plans are underway for the Summer Social on 22nd July and entertainment will be booked. Groups will be allowed to book tables, as before, and the other tables will be marked as welcoming anyone.

8. Webmaster's Report

DM reported that she has been keeping the website up to date and recently issued the updated groups list.

9. Group Liaison Officers' Report

KO reported that she has sent out an email asking if any groups would welcome new members and has had around ten replies so far. She will communicate the results to everyone.

The GLOs are trying to get new members to start new groups. We agreed to set up a Group Leaders Meeting in October and invite everyone. SW will let KO know how many members are not in any groups.

The recently revised craft group is underway and has vacancies if others want to join.

10. Technical Support Report

SM will be at the Open Meeting to provide technical support. He asked what technical support will be needed for the Summer Social and AE will get back to him after her planning meeting later today.

The Art Appreciation Group want to merge their two groups and would like a projector. The U3A projectors are not suitable so they may buy a higher quality 4K one. KO will check whether the University could offer a venue with a good projector.

11. Any Other Business

We discussed succession planning for Committee members stepping down at the AGM. Plans are in place for a replacement Newsletter Editor. KO and MO are stepping down as Group Liaison Officers (GLO), with MO becoming Chair. MO offered to continue to support the GLOs in their role.

A prospective new Secretary has been identified but she cannot make a 10.00am start. It was agreed to start the Committee meetings at 11.00am from November onwards.

A replacement for the Web Master role has been identified but he may not be willing to do everything that DM does now.

AE agreed to take on the Vice Chair role. MO will give her plenty of notice if he is going to be absent for a Committee meeting or an Open meeting.

We agreed to continue with monthly Committee meetings (except August and December) and to hold face-to-face meetings in March and October. HH will circulate a list of future Committee meetings for the remainder of 2026 and 2027. Those proposed to join the Committee at the AGM will be invited to observe the November Committee meeting.

We agreed to have a speaker or musical group for the AGM, or short talks from Group Leaders. AE will explore options.

Next Committee Meeting (301st) to be held via Zoom on Monday 20th July at 10.00.

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