



BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A

MINUTES

For the 301st Committee Meeting held at 10:00 am on Monday 20th July 2026 via Zoom

Present: Howard Mordue (Chair), Mark Owen (Vice Chair), Katerina Owen and Arthur Newman (Group Liaison Officers), Andrew Richardson (Treasurer), Sheryl Hargreaves (Newsletter Editor), Steve Warnes (Membership Secretary), Steve Meakin (Technical Support), Ann Elliot (Speaker Secretary), Dorothy Morgan (Web Master), Heather Haydock (Secretary) (11)

Apologies: None

1. Welcome

HM welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting held on Monday 22nd June 2026

The minutes were approved with no changes.

3. Matters arising

KO reported that she had followed up with the University and they had no rooms that we could use with projectors.

AN noted that there is a minimum requirement of four trustees – Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Vice Chair – and we must post a notice of the upcoming AGM and invite nominations from the membership. Trustees are elected at the AGM and proxy votes and postal votes are accepted. HH will write to all members to explain the process in September and then invite nominations for the Committee when announcing the AGM in October.

4. Treasurer's Report

AR reported that the bank accounts are all in order and there is sufficient money in the account. There has been an issue with paying cheques into CAF Bank – it transpires that cheques being submitted to the Banking Hub are

returned by CAF Bank unless they are accompanied by a pre-printed paying in slip. Buckingham Community Centre are putting up their prices by 20%.

5. Newsletter Editor's Report

SH confirmed that she would be willing to continue as Newsletter Editor if required but would prefer not to. The role will be advertised and we will see who comes forward. 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 938 members; this is 85 more than this time last year.

7. Speaker Secretary's Report

AE provided a written update on the Summer Social and a schedule of speakers. She reported everything is in hand for the Summer Social on Wednesday, including a band and some background music.

8. Group Liaison Officers' Report

KO reported that the Calligraphy Group has closed. The Science & Technology Group is moving to the Community Centre.

MO will check possible dates with the Community Centre for a Group Leaders Meeting in October.

9. Webmaster's Report

DM reported that she has been keeping the website up to date, checking and deleting spam. She recently issued the updated groups list. The list of proposed speakers sent by AE will be uploaded on Simple. DM is meeting with the prospective replacement Webmaster in September.

10. Technical Support Report

SM will be at the Summer Social to provide technical support including five microphones for the band.

11. Any Other Business

We discussed the possibility of setting up a new movie group and paying towards the cost of the high-quality projector wanted by the Art Appreciation group. There is already a community cinema run by The Film Place.

AE will invite a speaker for the AGM in November. We will decide at the next Committee meeting about refreshments.

SH is stepping down as a Trustee.

**Next Committee Meeting (302nd) to be held via Zoom on Monday
21st September at 10.00.**

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