

ARNOLD U3A

Minutes of Meeting held on Tues 10 January 2023 at 10.00am at

The Salvation Army, High Street, Arnold

In Attendance: Sylvia Hale Chair
Gwen Isherwood
John Gardner
Chris Gardner
Jean Cussons
Denise Swain
Pam Gant
Pam Newbold
Gwen Whitehouse - Minutes

• **Apologies:** Jean Heeson, Pete Hewitt, Marie Bell. Helen Catchpole

• **Minutes of Last Meeting :** Accepted and Signed

• **Matters Arising:**

Speaker Seeker – PN presented a list of Speakers for 2023

7 February	Alec Thomson	Honeybees and Gardening	£45
4 April	Ann Featherstone	Sydney Races	£50
2 May	John Whitfield	The Kennedys	£60
6 June	Jo Ellis	Shareware Clothing – Donations of new and wrapped children's / ladies' underwear	
4 July	Marion Smith	Lands End to John O Groats	No Fee.
1 August	Steve Le Mottee	?	£60
5 September	Mike Storr	Masters of Mirth: The Sequel.	No Fee.
3 October	Dina or Liz	The Workhouse Storytellers	£60
7 November	Mary Rose Trust		£60 + petrol
5 December	?		

PN Advised that all confirmed and preparing to send forms out for completion.

January Meeting:

SH sent out an email reminding everyone about January Meeting.

Committee agreed content excellent.

Good attendance with most people staying to listen to speakers.

• **Treasurer Report:** CG When Accounts completed, she will email them to Committee.

General Account £1219 surplus this year

Education Account has a minus figure

Gift Aid not yet done

Christmas Party Income £964

Expenditure £764 i.e. Catering 675, Room rental 75, Raffle £136, Tombola 64.50

Income from Raffle and Tombola to be paid into Contingency Account

The £50 Bond for Room Hire has not been received yet. SH will ask for this to be transferred to hire of room for the film day being organised by Rosie.

As there seems to be a discrepancy around cost of room hire SH to clarify this with Bonington Club.

SH and GW to look at possible future venues. One suggestion being the Arnold Community Centre.

- **Membership:**

JG reported that as of 9 January we have 509 members showing as current. Of these 76 have not yet renewed or responded to a final reminder sent out just after Christmas. Of the 76 non renewals 17 have no email address. All 76 will soon be lapsed on Beacon and Group Leaders have been advised and been asked to speak to their non renewals who appear in red on their lists. Those that did respond and decided not to renew are deemed to be resigned on Beacon. Their responses, if reasons given, were all personal varying from ill health, ease of access to meetings, lack of transport and moving away from the area. There were no criticisms of the U3A itself and indeed some were very complimentary and wished us all the best and thanked us for our involvement in running the U3A.

Attendance at the January annual review was good with 121 zapped at the door. Although there is no accurate figure for attendance at the second half it seemed that most people stayed and enjoyed the varied program of activities.

The search for a cheap Sum-up card reader continues and currently the average price for a reader is about £30. plus a docking station £14

- **Interest Groups:** All Group Leaders seem to be OK and we have one new Group starting soon with HW being the Group Leader. Need to confirm the name of the Group and Handbook to be updated. A few Groups folded after Covid but balanced out with new Groups starting up.
SH agreed to speak to previous Group Leader of the Singing for Fun Group which met at the Pond Hills Community Centre along with a couple of other people and a piece will be put in the Newsletter asking if anyone interested in starting a Singing for Fun Group.
- **Newsletter:** **DS** will email one week before the deadline for entries which will be 26 Jan. The AGM papers will go out with the next Newsletter.
Still no one has come forward to take over this role from **DS**.
JH will put AGM papers on Word and on a USB Stick to next Business Secretary. **SH and JH** working on this together and will pass on to **DS** by 26 Feb. Treasurer and Membership Secretary will need to send their Reports too. Everybody needs to have AGM papers either by email or mail. **JG** will let **DS** know how many need to be printed. 51 members do not have email and therefore need to have AGM papers and Newsletter printed.
- **BUSINESS:** **MB** All documents received and forwarded to the appropriate personnel and all other queries etc have been addressed.
- **Any Other Business:** Discussion took place around people who are not members continuing to attend Group Meetings and taking part in activities such as trips etc.

Meeting closed at 12 Noon.

Next meeting at Salvation Army Church on 14 February at 10.00am.

*S. Hale
14/2/2023*