

ARNOLD u3a
Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tues 14 July 2026 10.00am at
The Salvation Army, High Street, Arnold

Hazel Ward
Gwen Whitehouse
Barbara Eustace
Sue Matthews
Glynis Hunt
Tina Palingedge
Cathy van Baalen

Chair
Business Secretary/Minutes
Assistant Treasurer
Groups Coordinator
Treasurer
Health and Safety
Membership Secretary

John Heeson

1. Hazel advised that Kevin Fallon had stood down from the Committee for personal reasons.
 2. No Minutes for June as Committee Meeting cancelled. Hazel confirmed we only have to hold five meetings each year.
There was one amendment to the May Minutes i.e. Under **Any Other Business** General Fund should read Development Fund. Gwen to pass signed minutes to John.
 3. **Matters Arising**
The log book has been moved a little further into the foyer and helped to alleviate the bottle neck as people arrive.
 4. **Arnold Summer Fair**
u3a presence at the Fair went very smoothly. The equipment is now living in Viv's Garden Box. The display board will go outside the Church for the main meeting.
 5. **Membership Fees**
After a short discussion about Membership Fees, it was understood that a review may only take place at the next AGM, following further discussion at the November Committee Meeting. At present Members pay £15 pa, £9 from 1 May and £6 from 1 August. **Membership numbers as of 14 July 2026:**
Individual: 444 Associate: 42 Total Membership = 486
Membership for 2025 was 485 so we are slightly ahead of total members for the last year.
 6. **Treasurer**
Glynis is to purchase another Sum Up Machine. A comparison of the cost of using the Card Machine to the Sum Up Machine is to be carried out. Also to discuss the use of the Methodist Church Wi-Fi particularly at the time of membership renewal when the Card Machine is used.
 7. **Newsletter Printing**
Viv raised the issue of problems experienced in getting the Newsletter printed by the School particularly at holiday times. She is obtaining prices from the local Pro Print which would be more convenient.
Discussion around the number/need for the Newsletter to be printed. No more than half of the 38 people on the "no email" list collect the Newsletter. The Handbook, Newsletter and List of Activity Groups can all be located electronically. Cathy sends new Members a Badge, Plastic Wallet and ERIC with a short letter.
Up-to-date Magazines, Newsletters to go to Pat and Terry for Prospective Members Meetings.
 8. **Speakers Report**
- 7 July Rachel Hucknall – Hospice care

4 August	Michael Payne MP
1 Sept	Sian Trafford – Florence Boot
6 Oct	Nigel Lowey Great Scott - Changes to Victorian Britain
3 Nov	
1 Dec	Michael Burton - Christmas
5 Jan	Group showcase
2 Feb	David Pinion? - Antarctica? + Penguin biscuits (Amazon £26 for 96 bars)
2 March	Roger Prescott? - Juke Box Jury

9. Assets

An up-to-date Inventory of equipment is required.

10. U3a Board Application

Hazel advised Committee that she wishes to apply for a position on the main Board of Trustees. To do this she needed the Committee to vote to approve for her to stand. Hazel left the room while voting carried out.

The Committee gave 100% approval.

11. Any Other Business

- Hazel gave some feedback on the York u3a Festival from her perspective as an activity organiser.
The Festival is held bi-annually, Agreed that we should encourage our members to attend next time.
- Agreed that Tina should buy more cork Boards for the Activity Displays.
- The Science Group will in future have their table in the Interest Group Room.
- Where possible some seats to be available in the Refreshment Room for those with limited mobility.

Meeting Closed at 11.45

Next Meeting – Tuesday 11 August 2026

Hazel Ward