

5.	<p>Debrief of General Meeting on 19th June The speaker – Peter Regelous – My Life in Showbiz over 30 years – Mixed views – overall ‘not bad’. LM was praised for doing a good job in the absence of ST.</p>	
6.	<p>Speaker for July Is Brian Carline – Tripe and Trotters – has been confirmed. Needs only sound system and a table.</p>	
7.	<p>Data Protection JT reported that she has had problems with the website to find out the correct wording . In hand. To be discussed again next meeting</p>	<p>JT EO</p>
8.	<p>Matters to be discussed Facebook Page ST has spoken to EO and her daughter. There are two ways we could go – Closed group or Public (or both). It was decided that the public page would be best. That would enable the public to know what we do and how to join. It needs to be updated and administrated regularly. MO is happy to set it up, EO to admin it. There was a discussion as to whether it would be a good idea or not, with differing views so a vote was taken. 5 for, 2 against and 1 abstain. ST to speak to EO about starting it up. New Badges for Committee Members These had already been prepared by GC and have now been distributed. Proposed Treasure Hunt PM gave a rough idea of how it might work. All was in agreement it was a good idea to try it. PM to put a poster on the board and ask JR to put a notice on the website. Proposed date 10th September at 10am maybe ending with a lunch in the pub. PM to collect names of anybody interested.</p>	<p>ST EO</p> <p>PM JR</p>
9.	<p>Members’ Reports Chairman. ST thanked LM for standing in for her at the last meeting. Members’ Form – in the process of being changed. ST to liaise with JR and RF. To be discussed again at the next meeting. ST was still attempting to get an up to date list of</p>	<p>ST EO</p>

	<p>members from each group. She has 5 groups she still has to hear from and she will follow this up</p> <p>ST has received communication from head office that she has passed to RF and EO as relevant.</p> <p>Potters – it was an excellent week all round. List already open for next year. Needs to be booked soon in order to get suitable dates. There are already 49 names on the list, most of those being who went this year plus some new ones.</p> <p>Vice Chairman Nothing to report</p> <p>Secretary Nothing to report</p> <p>Treasurer The national web site is being reviewed ref financial regulations. Also the national website is all being updated. We expect to get an e mail from them if there is anything relevant to us. Money-wise we are looking very healthy.</p> <p>Website Editor Group stats for June had been circulated. A total of 5,010 which is within our normal range. There is a report with pics showing time spent at Potters.</p> <p>Membership Secretary Reported that we have 475 paid up members.</p> <p>Group Co-ordinator There was a group contacts meeting held on 22nd June. We discussed the formation of a ‘cluster’ with our neighbours – Dunmow. This means either Braintree or Dunmow can offer places to each other’s members if groups have capacity thus opening up more opportunity to learn. There would be no further membership to pay – members would only need to produce their current cards once accepted. It was decided to proceed slowly at first and we have offered places in Astronomy (which have been accepted) and All Things Italian. They have offered Mah Jong and Creative Crafts. I have asked JR to add to the website a suggestion to form a Singles group and see if there is any interest. Martin Fee asked if it was possible to display a calendar on the website (as in Newsletter) to see as a glance when groups meet weekly.</p>	<p>ST</p> <p>JR</p>
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<p>10.</p>	<p>JT will produce a Braintree U3A poster that can be displayed in prominent venues locally. Ann Bright pointed out that some groups that are full are due to being venue sensitive. We discussed possibly forming secondary groups to accommodate disappointed members. I will attach the U3A logo to future correspondence for group contacts to use. We al agreed the meeting was useful and arranged to meet again in October. Newsletter Editor The setting up of the next newsletter is well on the way. Speaker Co-ordinator Peter Regelous has been thanked for his talk last month and Brian Carline has confirmed his ‘Tripe and Trotters’ talk for this month. A list of possibilities for all of next year has been circulated. A few thought to be suitable were earmarked and PM to contact them and book as necessary. Information/Publicity Officer Information has been sent to BWT and EC as usual. An e mail has been sent to Parish Councils to see if they would like to opt in to receiving our news in their Parish Mags. JT will continue to contact them on a regular basis now she has a list. Info posters to be displayed in public places – Doc/Dentists/ CAB etc. - anywhere that might reach new members. It had been noted that although visitors and new members were ‘looked after’ on arrival , coffee time could be difficult for them with no one to talk to so it was thought a good idea to have a small area where they could be directed and JT would be happy to chat to them. A.O.B. It was noted that all U3A equipment is available for groups to use if needed. ST to speak to DC about an asset register. JT noticed that in the recent U3A magazine a branch in Staffordshire had bought their own premises. It was thought that we would not be following suit.</p>	<p>JT</p> <p>LM</p> <p>PM</p> <p>JT</p> <p>JT</p>
	<p>Meeting Closed 11.57 Next Meeting 7th August</p>	