

# Minutes of The Dukeries U3a Committee

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November, Jubilee Hall Ollerton

## Present

Leslye Henstock , chair

Barbara Baglee , secretary

Patti Bell committee member

Barry Callieu Deputy Chair

Pam Hardwick, coordinator of charity donations

John Harris, newsletter

Kevin Molloy, co-op member

Ann Street, speaker finder and publicity

Jane Young group coordinator

Apologies Chris Neighbour, Wendy Neighbour.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Pam Hardwick and seconded by Barry Callieu. They were signed by Leslye. There were no matters arising.

## 1) Chairs update

The last meeting was attended by 63 people. Feedback has been good. Leslye has attended a Notts U3a network meeting. There is peer support available for the different roles within the committee. More collaboration between groups is being encouraged and Leslye has formed an alliance with Mansfield U3a and Forest Town U3a. On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 there will be a joint Princess River Cruise. There will be 110 tickets available, 30 for The Dukeries U3a as we are a smaller group. Coaches will be provided to travel to Colwick Pier and back to pick up points. There will be supper and a voucher for 3 drinks. There will also be a DJ. Cost will be £34 with a £5 non returnable deposit. Tickets will be on sale at the next meeting. Also next year there will be a joint Halloween party at Clipstone Welfare Club. Tickets will be about £6 and there will be fancy dress and a pie and pea supper. The Edwinstowe Lions are once again asking for help with their Christmas collection at Tesco in Ollerton. Dates are the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17 and 18<sup>th</sup> of December. 2hr. time slots will be available. The Jubilee Hall Committee have indicated that they would like some of the storage space that we are currently using as they wish to accommodate a new group. This will be a problem for us and as we are a major user of the hall. Our members on the Jubilee Hall committee have been asked to negotiate on our behalf. There has been a request for another cupboard at Ambleside. The Council will not allow this but hopefully there will soon be a lock on our allocated kitchen cupboard which will enable refreshment equipment to be kept there. Jane also reported that there will soon be new table and chairs at Ambleside, there will also be a new booking system and Jane and Barbara will make all bookings for Ambleside. Barry has offered to do some printing and will liaise with John. Barry and Ann will attend a CVS seminar on funding on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The funding for the sewing machine and laptops (£1000) has been approved. Leslye will clarify with Wendy how the money needs to be split.

- 2) **Next meeting** There will be 2 speakers at the next meeting. Age Concern and Notts Air Ambulance. Itinerary as follows; Notices, Age Concern, Refreshments, Air Ambulance. Geraldine has offered to do the membership secretary's job in Wendy's absence. Patti and Jane will be greeters. Barry will deal with party tickets. Pam will run the bring and buy and Barbara will sell tickets for the bottle raffle. John will be in charge of refreshments and will also put out the small signs, Ann and John will set up the audio visual equipment.
- 3) **Christmas Party** All arrangements now made. 1pm start. The ukulele group will play, then lunch followed by entertainment and Secret Santa. Pam will make table decorations which will be sold for £1 each. It was decided that members who wash the tablecloths will be paid £1 per cloth. Barry has agreed to wash them if there are no other volunteers.
- 4) **Quiz night.** Everything has been paid for Income £420. Expenditure £401.07. There may be a small bill for printing. Barry will supply napkins.
- 5) **Groups** The coffee morning has been arranged for 30<sup>th</sup> November at Ambleside. An email will be sent to invite new members although it is open to all members. Jane will put a notice in the window at Ambleside. One of the new members who will be at the coffee morning is the leader of The Dukeries singers and will be able to give more information on them.  
  
The Dukeries U3a Christmas Tree will be in Edwinstowe Church from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> of November it will then be at St Paulinus Church Ollerton from December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 6) **Charity fundraising** The bring and buy at the last meeting raised £102.58 +£30, needing just £85.58 to reach our target of £3000. The writing group has some cash to donate and it would be good if it could be given at the next meeting.
- 7) **Speakers and publicity** A visit to Mansfield Magistrates Court has been arranged for 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Before that date Ann will arrange for a talk from a magistrate. It will take place at Ambleside, date to be confirmed. Ann was thanked for the wide ranging publicity that she arranges.
- 8) **Any other business** Membership is now just £10 until the annual renewal. Short tennis will take place on Friday at The Jubilee Hall 1.30 to 2.30. Pattie announced that she will be leaving the area. She will be missed and we wish her well.  
The meeting closed at 2.55pm.