

**Minutes of The Dukeries U3a Committee**  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, Jubilee Hall Ollerton**

**Present**

Leslye Henstock , chair

Barbara Baglee , secretary

Patti Bell, committee member

Pam Hardwick, coordinator of charity donations

John Harris, newsletter

Kevin Molloy, co-opted committee member

Chris Neighbour, treasurer

Wendy Neighbour, membership manager

Ann Street, speaker finder and publicity

Jane Young, coordinator of activity groups

Elaine Biddulph, guest

**Apologies**

Barry Callieu, deputy chair

**Introduction**

Leslye welcomed the committee. We now have a full committee plus 1 co-opted member. She also welcomed our guest, Elaine Biddulph.

The minutes of the last meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022 were agreed and signed.

Matters arising, flowers and cards were delivered to Bobbie Thompson and also to Nick Mason. Both thank members for their messages and support.

**1) Members meeting 19<sup>th</sup> September**

The meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> will be cancelled as the funeral of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2<sup>nd</sup> takes place on that day. The visit to the National

Holocaust Museum will be postponed to a later date as there will not be an opportunity to collect names and money

The meeting with Worksop U3a and the passing of the baton will now take place on Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>. Venue- Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre. Members who attend will have the opportunity to sign a message of Sympathy which will be sent to Buckingham Palace. John and Pam will produce a card. There will be 1 minute's silence followed by a poem and a short prayer. The meeting with Worksop U3a will take place at 1pm and the short tribute at 2pm. As a matter of courtesy Ann will inform the visitor centre. Kevin has offered to take some photographs. Leslye will compose and e-mail to be sent to all members

## **2) The Garden Party**

Leslye has received, mainly, positive feedback. There was some concern on the level of noise, but this is very difficult to control at a level that will suit everyone.

## **3) Health and Safety**

The committee were informed of an incident where a member who tested positive attended an event. Although this is not against national guidelines it was felt that The Dukeries U3a should stipulate that no member with any infectious disease should attend any group or event. Leslye apologised that this action had been taken without full committee approval, but it was felt to be quite urgent. The committee agreed in retrospect.

## **4) Membership Fees**

The following membership fees for new members were confirmed; Until October 31<sup>st</sup> £19, From 1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 £10, From 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 £22. For renewing members, the fee for 2023 will be £20. The associate membership will remain at £10 apart from the period between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 and 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023, when it will be £5.

## **5) Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was presented and accepted. It was decided not to move any money into the social fund at the moment.

## **6) Funding and membership**

A funding application has been made to Newark and Sherwood District Council. It is for £1000 and is to be spent on a sewing machine and a computer. The result will be known on September 24<sup>th</sup>. There are currently 143 members. 136 full members, 6 associate members and 1 honorary member.

## **7) Activity Groups**

Jane has organised a cupboard for Ambleside. It will be collected on Thursday. It requires a key which Barbara will try and purchase from the locksmith in Worksop.

The History and Sewing groups are up and running. The Soft Tennis Group will be starting soon at Clipstone Leisure Centre. Kevin is also looking for another venue in the Ollerton area.

The history group will be having a talk on The Knights Templar 1 November. The talk will be open to all members.

When there is a fifth Wednesday in a month (the next one will be 30<sup>th</sup> November) a coffee morning will be arranged at Ambleside, targeting new members but open to all. Elaine has offered to arrange these.

## **8) Christmas Tree Decoration**

The Dukeries U3a will display a Christmas tree in Edwinstowe Church. Jane and Jean Perry-Williams are organising this.

## **9) Speakers and Publicity**

Anne has received 3 invitations for members. 1 An invitation from the Edwinstowe Lions to their charter dinner on 29<sup>th</sup> October. This is a formal event at a cost of £28.50p. 2 The RSPB have invited the Ukulele group to perform at their evening on the weekend before Christmas. 3 An invitation to celebrate Chinese New Year at Spring Water 23<sup>rd</sup> January at a cost of £25.

Speakers have been organised for next year.

It has been agreed that we will have a table in Edwinstowe Library on the morning of October 6<sup>th</sup>. Anne and Barbara to attend.

## **10 Charity Fund Raising**

Pam reported that the bring and buy table will return from the October meeting. To date a total of £2781.84p has been collected for the Notts Air Ambulance. There will be a bottle Raffle at the quiz in November and a raffle at the Christmas Party in December.

## **11 Social Events**

The Quiz Night will be on November 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be a pie supper and tickets will be £6. It is open to members and non-members. A budget of £50 has been set. The cost of the evening will be about £50 which will be met by ticket sales.

The Christmas Party will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Members will be asked to bring food to share. More details at the next meeting.

## **12 Arrangements for September 24<sup>th</sup>.**

The event is taking place at Highfields Nottingham. Members can drive in or take the tram from Hucknall. There is unlikely to be any seating. Please be there of 12 noon. At least dancers are needed.

## **13 Any other business**

Elaine was asked and has agreed to be a co-opted committee member. The committee now has a full complement of 10 members plus 2 co-opted members.

The meeting closed at 3.05pm

