

Minutes of The Dukeries U3a Committee

Monday 10th October, Jubilee Hall Ollerton

Present

Leslye Henstock , chair Barbara Baglee , secretary Barry Callieu Deputy Chair
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

Apologies Patti Bell. Elaine Biddulph, Jane Young.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Wendy Neighbour and seconded by John Harris. They were signed by Leslye. There were no matters arising.

- 1) Nick Mason Sadly, Nick Mason passed away on Tuesday October 6th. Pam was asked if she could produce a notice for the newsletter. In accordance to his wishes there will be no funeral service. Donations can be made to the hospice.

- 2) 40th Anniversary Celebration. Everything went well. The handovers at Sherwood Forest and Mansfield were heart warming and the morning at Highfields was terrific. 21 U3a branches were represented with about 100 members taking part in the flash dance. There are some photos already on the website. Leslye will try and update the flash drive in time for the next members meeting.
A positive from the event is a closer working relationship with other local U3a groups.

- 3) Accounts History has been added to the social fund. Barry needs to be added to Bankline. Sandra Thorburn to be asked to send in her accounts for room hire.

- 4) Membership There are 144 members in total. 137 full members, 6 associate members and 1 honorary member. The result of the funding application should be known the 1st week in November.

- 5) Groups In the absence of Jane Leslye gave an update.

As discussed at the last meeting there will be a coffee morning held at Ambleside when there are 5 Wednesdays in a month. The next one will be in on Wednesday 30th of November, 10.30 to 12.00. Kevin, Jane, Leslye and Barbara to attend. John to send email to recent members and group leaders. Leslye will take the feather banner to stand outside. Group leaders need to be persuaded to have a table at the members meetings. Leslye will send Jane an email to this effect. The Christmas tree and decorations are quite splendid, it needs to be used at as many events as possible.

Tony Brewer has decided to stand down as leader of the photography group due to falling numbers. He is happy to give talks on the subject. It was decided that a certificate of thanks should be presented to group leaders and committee members who step down. John will produce a certificate and Pam and Leslye will look for suitable frames.

6) Trips and visits Leslye would like to reintroduce trips and visits. She will send out an email asking if anyone would like to help her organise them.

Ann said that there is a possibility of a small group visiting the magistrates court in Nottingham. She will try and get a possible date for Monday.

7) Charity fundraising There will be a bring and buy table at the next 2 members meeting. Donations for the bring and buy will be kept for 2 months. We have a target of £3000, £2781.84p has been collected so far.

8) Speakers and publicity Ann has recently spoken to 3 potential new members. The morning at Edwinstowe library went well. Some visitors to the table expressed interest in U3a but public transport between Ollerton and Edwinstowe is a problem. In the new year we need to look at what events we can hold in Edwinstowe. Extra publicity will be needed before the February meeting

Speakers have been arranged for the next year.

The notice board with statements from current and former chairs need updating.

Ann was thanked for the wide ranging publicity that she arranges.

9) Quiz night. Tickets are selling well. We will use trestle tables with one team at either end of each table. Pam and Barbara will do the raffle. £1 per ticket. Steffan and Karen who are running the Quiz will each receive a free meal. Leslye and Wendy to look for Quiz prizes. John Harris will produce 4 blank certificates. Teams to arrive 6.30 for 7pm. Committee to arrive at 6pm to set up.

10 Christmas party Barry is producing the tickets, the event is free but members will need a ticket.

It will take place on Monday 19th December, 1pm to 3pm. 12pm to set up. Pam will produce table decorations. Food will be bring and share. There will be a secret Santa, gifts no more than £5 The Ukeule group will play.

11 Members meeting Monday 17th October John and Ann to set up for the speaker. Wendy and Chris will set up the membership table. Leslye will give out Quiz tickets, Barry will issue Christmas party tickets

12 Any other business Kevin asked if another advert could be produced for the Quick Tennis. Leslye, Chris and Wendy gave their apologies for the January committee meeting and members meeting.

The meeting closed at 2.50