

**MINUTES OF THE DUKERIES THIRD AGE GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING ON  
MONDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2022, AT THE JUBILEE HALL, OLLERTON**

<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	
Leslye Henstock	Chair
Pam Hardwick	Committee Member
Ann Street	Co-ordinator of Guest Speakers, Marketing, Advertising and Guest Speakers
John Harris	Newsletter Editor
Sharon Pinkett	Deputy Chair

Also in attendance were Kevin Mulloy and Val Saunders.

**INTRODUCTION**

Leslye welcomed Committee members to the meeting. She also thanked Du3a member Kevin Mulloy for attending the meeting and Val Saunders for volunteering to take the minutes.

Apologies were accepted from Nick, Chris, Wendy, Jane, Barry and Patti.

There were no minutes to agree from the last Committee Meeting due to Bobbie Thompson's illness.

Leslye will deliver flowers to Bobbie on Wednesday on behalf of the Committee.

**Members' Meeting in July**

45 members attended the meeting. It was a very hot day which may have affected numbers. The Jubilee Hall is very cool due to the lack of windows and kept a comfortable temperature throughout the meeting.

The Speaker for the meeting was described as "phenomenal" by one member.

**Funding**

There have been requests from Du3a groups for more laptops and sewing machines. Wendy has sent a message to say that she is putting in requests for more funding.

**Collaborations with Other U3As**

Du3a is advertising the Barn Dance on 10<sup>th</sup> December organised by Warsop U3A. Leslye will meet with Jen in a couple of weeks.

18 members of Du3a are attending a Dinner Dance organised by Mansfield U3A on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> September.

## **1. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Chris has sent copies of the accounts for July. The current account total stands at £3869.88 and the Group Funds Social Account at £904.38.

There is a deficit amount of £33.73 in the Social Events Fund due to expenditure on the Jubilee celebrations. It was agreed by the Committee that a transfer would be made into the Social Events Fund from the Reserve Fund, at present totalling £482.90. An amount of £400 will be transferred, leaving £82.90 in the Reserve Fund. Leslye will email Chris about this decision.

Leslye was delighted to announce that Barry Collieu has offered his experience and skills to support Chris with the accounts. Barry has an effective way to log payments into and out of accounts and has experience of dealing with charities. Chris will contact Barry to sort out a date for meeting when he returns from holiday.

## **2. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

There are presently 134 Full Members (with another joining imminently), 5 Associate Members and 1 Honorary Lifetime Member.

Leslye commented that there has been a steady trickle of new members which may ultimately mean new skills to offer Du3a.

## **3. NEW ACTIVITY GROUPS**

Jane Young has sent a message to say that three new groups will be launched soon. These are:

- History Group facilitated by Barbara Baglee
- Sewing Group – facilitated by Christine Yates
- Soft Tennis – facilitated by Kevin Mulloy

Kevin explained to the Committee how soft tennis (or co-operative tennis) is played. Meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday afternoons, from 1.30 to 3.30, at Ambleside, Ollerton. There will be no cost involved apart from voluntary contributions for tea and coffee.

Leslye asked whether it was possible to put additional adverts for groups on the notice board.

Jane has also suggested that when there is a spare Wednesday session (when there are 5 Wednesdays in the month), this could be used for a New Members Coffee and Chat Session. Leslye asked Sharon to work out the spare days in the month up until Christmas and email them to her and Wendy.

Jane is also looking at the Activity Calendar to try to ensure the groups fit well in the grid, to avoid overlapping whenever possible. A member did raise a complaint at the last Members' Meeting that some groups are clashing. Du3a only has use of Ambleside on a Wednesday (and some Thursday afternoons).

Leslye will re-send information to Jane to pass to group leaders, who are to be told:

- Any meeting should carry the lowest fee possible
- Any money collected must be shown on a register.
- Group leaders should not keep quantities of money in their homes.
- Receipts for items purchased should be kept for proof of purchase.
- If a group wants to save for items of equipment, the money should be paid into their group account via the Treasurer.
- Jane is looking into have a stock of tea, coffee and biscuits at Ambleside which can be used by all the groups to ensure a turnover of the consumable products. She will then advise how much groups will pay towards the costs.

#### **4. INFORMATION ON NEW IDEAS, CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES, CHRISTMAS FAYRES**

Mike Pringle, a local Councillor has been in touch with Sharon regarding the setting up of a Veteran's Breakfast Club at the Life Spring in Ollerton. Leslye wondered whether there were any veterans in Du3a who might be interested? This may also be an opportunity to promote Du3a to another group of people.

Sharon passed the name of a contact Speaker (Keith Girling) to Ann for future reference.

Ollerton Scout Group are having a Summer Fete on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 11.0 am to 3.00pm. Stalls for charities are free and Sharon wondered if we could use this as an opportunity to promote Du3A. There would need to be a rota for the stall and Ann will try to provide photographs for the event. Du3a banners, etc. would also be required.

Sharon has received a very nice letter from the Holocaust Museum and this information has been passed to Ann for the Du3a Facebook Page. The Facebook Page is now one account.

##### All Sorts Group

Sharon would like to start a Christmas Craft Group which would be on a Tuesday morning although this has yet to be confirmed. The idea is to make Christmas cards, decorations, etc. to sell, the proceeds going to the Air Ambulance Charity.

#### **5. PUBLICITY, ADVERTISING AND GUEST SPEAKERS**

Ann has been informed that the Sherwood Life would like to do a front cover spread relating to Du3a next month. Ann will be sending information and photographs. Leslye said that she would like information on the Flash Dance included.

Leslye would also like information regarding the U3A Quiz challenge included in the press releases. Du3a are entering two teams.

Ann said that she will be starting to book guest speakers for next year and asked whether Du3A are going to have another Open Day to promote membership. The Committee thought that this would be a good idea and decided that it would take place in March which would mean that a guest speaker would not be required for that month.

## **7. GARDEN PARTY**

A decision was made at the Committee Meeting to hold the Garden Party Indoors for a variety of reasons. This will mean that members will not be required to bring their own chairs. They should just bring drinks, glasses, plates and cutlery, together with whatever food they have volunteered to bring.

Approximately 60 people will be attending the event.

### **Jobs needing to be done on the day**

#### Tables

8 trestle tables arranged around the perimeter of the room with 7 or 8 chairs around each table. A line of small wooden tables to be arranged in the centre of the room for food.

**Could everyone who is able to lift help with this.**

#### Music

Smooth Jazz want to set-up from 11.30 am. They will sort everything themselves and **Kevin Morrell** will be on hand to assist if needed. Kevin will also keep an eye on any trip hazards in the room.

#### Wireless microphone, screen and projector on stand

These need to be set up by **John**. Please put in the corner where the wooden tables are stacked for use for the flash mob rehearsal. After the finish, these items need to be put in Leslye's car for PAT testing on Tuesday.

#### Two Banners and feather banner

These are to be put up by **Ann and Kevin Mulloy**. Ann is also making two signs for the new members tables. There are holders in the cupboard.

#### Tablecloths and Flowers

**Wendy and Pam** will deal with this (with help from anyone who has a spare moment).

#### Bunting and Banners

**Jane and Kevin Morrell.**

#### Kitchen

Turn on water heater and fridge on arrival. Leslye will bring milk should anyone want a hot drink. Food will need to be sorted when it arrives. (**Val, Leslye and Barry**)

#### Greeters and Register

A register has been printed off by Leslye. (**Wendy and Chris**)

## **8. NATIONAL U3A 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

### **-Carrying the U3A Beacon – 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Six Du3a walkers need to be recruited and a walk leader appointed to be in telephone contact with the walkers from Warsop U3A.

We will also need volunteer members to make sandwiches, etc for when the walkers reach the Jubilee Hall. The walkers from Warsop will be invited to stay for the Members' Meeting.

### **U3A 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September at Highfields Park, University Boulevard, Lenton, Nottingham**

Du3a's contribution to the celebrations is a Flash Mob event at Highfields Park. The Flash Mob has been organised by Leslye, choreographed by Janice Cawkill with technical support from John Butler of Ravenshead U3A.

Leslye played a video of the dance at the Committee Meeting. The video, together with detailed step-by-step instructions for the dance, are being sent out today to all Nottinghamshire U3As. Dates and times of the rehearsals which are also open to all U3As will also be sent out. These are to be held at the Ambleside Community Centre, Yew Tree Road, Ollerton.

## **9. FUTURE EVENTS**

Quiz Night on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> November  
Christmas Party  
Talent Show (next year)

## **DATE FOR THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

This will be held on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> September at 10.0 am at the Jubilee Hall.