LINE DANCING

Apart from preannounced planned breaks, the group meets weekly in Hall 2 at Molesey Community Centre at 10 a.m. for a one-hour class led by our teacher, Val. We charge each member £7 to join the group and then £5 for each class.

As with all Elmbridge u3a groups, the group must not make a loss and does not want to build a surplus.

Because the Hall must be paid for monthly in advance, at the end of each month we ask the members to say which classes they will attend in the following month and to pay for those classes at the first of them that they attend, those payments being non-refundable.

Whilst the costs for each class are predictable (currently £21.60 for the Hall and £50 for the teacher) the group's income is not. The number of members in the group changes from time to time and not all members want to attend all classes. The £7 joining fee is intended to provide a temporary buffer against times when the income is too low. Ultimately, we must reserve the right to refresh the buffer or increase the charges if necessary. In the unlikely event of there being a sustained surplus its reduction will be managed by not charging for some class(es).

The organiser liaises with the Hall's management and the teacher, collects the charges, pays the teacher and arranges for the Treasurer to pay for the hire of the Hall. Receipts are secured for the teacher's payments and a record of them and of each member's payments is kept in a spreadsheet on Dropbox that can be viewed at any time by the Treasurer and other Committee members and, on request, by any member of the group.

For new starters

Since it will be your first visit, some odds and ends of information.

The Centre is only partially open. There is no refreshment service. Please park and then walk down the righthand side of the building to enter through fire doors at the back.

We have access only to that Hall and, beyond it, in the corridor to the left, a toilet. The Centre staff do not love us if we stray!

We put coats etc: on a few chairs in the far-right corner, far right as we enter through the fire doors.

I will place an attendance register on one of the chairs in that corner together with a money pot. If you are due to pay anything, please put it in the money pot and write the amount on the register against your name. If you are not due to pay anything, please just put a tick against your name.

At the first class in the month, most members will be paying so it will take longer to get the bureaucracy out of the way. We like to get the dancing started quickly so please, always come a few minutes early anyway.

Do make yourself known, but briefly, to Val Gardiner, our teacher and me, the beardy one.

And have fun.

David