

**GOUDHURST & DISTRICT U3A**  
**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019**  
**AT THE STAR & EAGLE HOTEL GOUDHURST**

**Present:** Ian Agnew, Bob Alden-Smith, Richard Bourne, Jenny Dalleywater, Viv Everett-Bourne. Sonia Foster, Chrissie Markham, Wil Pretty, Trevor Thorpe, Jeremy Waters

**1.Apologies:** Mike Holman

**2.Minutes** of last meeting were agreed and signed.

**3.Matters Arising** -None

**4.Correspondence** – None

**5. Chairman’s Report – Jenny**

- i. For the future – Minutes of Executive Monthly Meetings to be placed on the website/displayed at monthly meetings.
- ii. To date there has not been further contact with the Fire Brigade.

**6. Secretary’s Report – Jeremy**

- i. Annual General Meeting 15.05.2019 – According to Constitutional requirements all papers have been prepared ready for circulation at the April Monthly Meeting, the Web Site and email, and post where necessary.
- ii. A further microphone has been purchased, tested, and is in good working order.
- iii. A first-aid kit has been ordered, plus record book.

**7.Treasurer’s Report – Mike not at meeting (message passed on by Trevor)**

Mike plans to be at the AGM meeting when he will give an annual report.

**8.Membership Secretary’s Report – Trevor**

Membership stands at 158, 24 of which are new members.

**9.Data Protection – Trevor**

Nothing to Report.

**10.Website Editor’s Report – Wil**

- i. Sevenoaks U3A Science Seminar 5 June – ‘Forensics: The Expert Witnesses’ to be placed on the web site.
- ii. The Walmer Castle visit to be left on the web site for the time being (the existing visit is fully booked but there is a possibility of a further visit following the high interest).

**11. Social and Outings**

- i. For the future Chrissie will be available to organise outings; Viv gave details of a contact who is willing to be involved with social arrangements.
- ii. Social outing arrangements for 10<sup>th</sup> May – Lamberhurst Music Festival – Chinese Concert Pianist Ji Liu – arrangements are in hand by Viv.
- iii. A further social occasion could be available to Hever Castle on 14<sup>th</sup> August – Viv
- iv. Val’s trip to Walmer Castle is now fully booked, with a waiting list. If the waiting list increases there is a possibility of a second date being organised for this outing.

v. Jenny is making arrangements for an event to celebrate Goudhurst & District U3A's Fifth Year Celebration – enquiries into a suitable venue are ongoing and she will email the committee with details shortly

**12. Speaker Organiser's Report – Richard**

i. Richard has made a comprehensive start on bookings for 2020; it was agreed that the guitarist Richard Durrant should be asked back again next year with his 2020 programme.

ii. Member, David Nichols, who is to be co-opted onto the Committee, could if needed be available to help.

**13. Welcome Group Organiser – Sonia**

Sonia advised that all arrangements are made for the forthcoming monthly meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> March for welcoming at the door and for refreshments.

**14. Groups Coordinator's Report – Viv**

i. The Group Leaders' meeting held recently was very successful. The 'Risk Assessment Form' causes some Groups to need advice – Jeremy mentioned he has information which he uses for his London walks.

ii. Viv has been able to study the revamped rooms at the Social Club. Whilst the upgrading is very good, for the 'Art Appreciation Group' it would not be suitable.

iii. Decision made that if a visit to East Malling Research Station is to take place then the Group 'Garden Visits' should organise it.

**15. Publicity Organiser's Report – Ian**

i. Ian circulated the poster for the April monthly meeting.

ii. Ian has been actively searching for new venues where posters could be displayed, including Bewl Waters and Bedgebury.

**16. Any Other Business**

General discussion on future Monthly Meetings 17 April and 15 May.

**Date of next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30 pm at the Star & Eagle Hotel Goudhurst**

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