

**HAXBY & WIGGINTON u3a Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday 12 December 2023**  
**1a Rosecomb Way, Haxby at 10 am**

**Present:** Chris Jaques (Chairman), Gordon Moore (Vice Chairman), Margaret Edwards (Secretary), Maxine Kutler (Membership Secretary), Mike Calvert, Anne Hysted, Liz Ball and Paula Wills (Joint Groups Coordinator)

**1. Apologies,** Peter Murray, Judy Moore, Jenni Rutland

**2. Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 21 November 2023**

The Minutes were accepted as a true record, and signed.

**3. Matters arising from the minutes**

The invoice for books for the Bookworms Group has been paid.

Confirmation that new members joining between 1 September and 31 October would pay £5. Those joining between November and December would pay £10 which would also cover membership for the following year, January to December 2024.

**4. Correspondence**

**All information forwarded to the Committee or relevant office**

**YAHR:Nick David:**Agreed focus from Chairs Forum online meeting 22.11.23 to be on ‘Raising Awareness and Recruitment’. Slides available on Recruitment and Retention page of website. Online workshop on ‘Recruiting and Valuing Volunteers’ to be held 31.1.24. Update due on u3a model constitution. **Samina Aslam:** Flyer for u3a Summer School 22. to 25.7.24 at Hawkhill, Easingwold (<https://yahru3a.files.wordpress.com/2023/11/flyer.pdf>). **Pat Collard:** Thanking Trevor Barrowcliffe for his work as newsletter editor. Has now taken on role as Chairman of Whitby u3a. **TAT: Sam Mauger:** Poetry competition now open. Enter via u3a website. Closing date Friday 26 January 2024. New members area launching soon on website. u3a Festival 24 Accommodation Update provided.

**5 Officers Reports**

**a) Treasurer**

The current financial situation is as follows -There is a bank and cash balance of £12,337 There is attached an updated income and expenditure plus an updated balance sheet as of the 9th December 2023. On the report the differences between the expenses and income against **1.** The Lunches/Dinners relates to a future Table Tennis Christmas lunch **2.** The Theatre relates to refunds due to members re the cancelled theatre trip. The value of £962. is the Gift Aid on subscriptions for the year 06.04.22 to 05.04.23 that has been reclaimed back from HMRC.

**b) Groups Coordinator**

The ‘St Nicholas Room’ at Wigginton Recreation Hall has been booked for the Group Leaders Meeting on Saturday 24 February 2024 at 10am

**c) Membership Secretary**

Members 579, Without email 34, TAM (Third Age Matters) 332. The Membership Secretary now has a dedicated telephone number: 07410 684902 which is to be posted on the Beacon and hawu3a website.

**d) Speaker Finder** The fliers for the 2024 speakers programme are at the printers and will be ready by the end of the week.

**e) Social Events** The outings to Burton Constable and Flamborough Head were a great success. The Social Team is due to meet on 8 January 2024.

**f) New members** The November New Members Meeting was led by Jenni Rutland with Liz Ball and Margaret Edwards in attendance. Eight new members attended and contributed to an enjoyable and interactive session. Depending on the numbers joining, another meeting is planned for February next year.

**6. Membership renewal**

Necessary links to the PayPal platform are currently not working. The decision was taken that until functionality is restored, renewal payments for 2024 would be possible through either online banking or by cheque. Instructions on the New Members Form to outline the two payment options. For those using online banking, membership numbers should be used as the transaction ‘Reference’. Membership numbers should be written on the back of cheques. Adjustments to be made to forms to reflect the information for this coming year.

**7. Communications with members without email access**

It was agreed that the current arrangement of posting information to those without access to email would continue for next year and be revisited. Notwithstanding an apparent growth in the numbers of those who wish to receive information in this way the Committee recognised the tension between the need for inclusivity and retention and the increasing cost of postage.

**8. u3a Portal**

Committee members provided their preferred telephone contact details for the u3a Portal database. Gordon Moore kindly agreed to stand in as ‘Publicity Officer’. The entries will now be updated to reflect the new Committee membership.

**9. Committee Dates for 2024**

<b>Mondays at 15:00</b>	
15 <sup>th</sup> January	15 <sup>th</sup> July
19 <sup>th</sup> February	19 <sup>th</sup> August
18 <sup>th</sup> March	16 <sup>th</sup> September
15 <sup>th</sup> April	21 <sup>st</sup> October
20 <sup>th</sup> May	18 <sup>th</sup> November
17 <sup>th</sup> June	16 <sup>th</sup> December

**10. AOB**

It was agreed to reintroduce a former custom of making a courtesy call to new members three months after their joining. The calls would be shared out between Committee Members. Geoff Ball will provide the names and telephone numbers of new members to be contacted.

**11. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Monday 15 January 2024 at 3pm at St. Nicholas' Church Hall, Wigginton.

The meeting ended at 11.30am.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Chair

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