

Minutes of Pontesbury & Rea Valley District u3a Committee Meeting 3/10/22

Present: Janet, Bob B, Steve, David

Apologies: Merle, John, Hugh, Doreen, Sue

Minutes of last Meeting:

Accepted by all

Matters Arising:

None

Two Minute Items:

David raised the matter of the u3a Hadrian's Wall initiative. Agreed to discuss at a future meeting

Finance:

Update received from John. Closing Balance 1st Oct = £3758

Membership:

Total members at last count = 166. In addition to this will be the new members gained at our 40th Anniversary Event.

Groups:

Short Tennis has started up & proving popular. Bridge Group may be starting up

Publicity:

Janet contacted by Radio Shropshire. Possible interview w/c 10th Oct

Open Meetings:

The following was agreed;

Nov 19th: Curlew talk by Mandy Perkins. (Bob to organise loan of screen). Download onto drive if no WIFI

Dec 21st: Christmas celebration at Pavilion. 2.00 to 4.00pm Mince pies. Stories about Christmas

Jan: No Open Meeting

Feb 15th: Hopefully, Rick Morris on balloon photos Bob to check

Mar 15th: No Open Meeting Group Leaders Event.

April: Hopefully Alison Utting Ref her Agnes Hunt presentation

Review of 40th Anniversary Celebration:

All agreed it was an enjoyable & successful event. Approx 120/150 people attended with about 20 names for either new membership and/or interest in other groups.

Strengths: Good attendance, good team building, excellent publicity, everyone enjoyed it, new members, excellent group displays, preparation was enjoyable & efficient.

Weaknesses: Raffle stand needed 2 people, a bit of a crush at the doorway i.e. next time serve drinks further into the building.

Opportunities: New members, invite new members to our next Open Day. Follow on Group Leader event to be planned for March 2023

AOB:

u3a AGM voting on fees: Agreed David to attend AGM by Zoom,

Beacon:

This to be the predominant subject of our Nov Committee meeting