

SOAR VALLEY U3A
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 25th January 2022
2.00pm at Normanton on Soar Village Hall

The Chairman, **Brian Hinnners**, opened the meeting, welcoming everyone to it and also welcomed and named five new members, one of whom was present.

1. **The Minutes of the last meeting** were available on the notice board.
2. **Matters arising:** None
3. **Chairman's Report (Brian Hinnners):** Brian pointed out the new committee names and faces on the noticeboard, drawing particular attention to, and thanking, Mike Sharpe who has been co-opted on to the committee since the AGM.
There are still vacancies for particular roles, one being a Social Representative who can liaise with the committee and organise members for coffee mornings, etc. Brian appealed for members to come forward for this.
The publicity campaign is under way with posters and leaflets being put up/distributed around the villages by 12 volunteers.
We plan to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a garden party at NoS village hall on Friday 15th July.
Brian announced that this general meeting is being recorded for upload to YouTube and will be available for invited members only.
Membership renewal is due on 1st March and details will be in the coming newsletter.
Payment should be on or after that date by BACS or cheque only, NO cash.
The tea rota for this year's meetings still has empty spaces for some months, names needed with telephone numbers.
4. **Secretary's Report:** None.
5. **Treasurer's Report (Gill Howdle):** Account total £3738.17. Gill reminded the meeting that we are still subsidising venue costs, up to £25 per month, until the end of February for groups using halls instead of meeting in houses because of Covid.
6. **Membership Report (Marilyn Wood):** Current membership is 341, an increase of 5 since the AGM.
7. **Group Co-ordinator's Report (Ian Lloyd):** Ian reported that the Tuesday French Group has renamed itself the Tuesday Morning French Group. He reminded group contacts to keep him up to date with any changes within their groups.
8. **Social Team:** No report.
9. **Outings Team (Roger Golds):** Nothing has been organised yet for this year while "we wait and see". Roger asked for a show of hands of those happy to book places on organised outings. This resulted in a majority of members willing to do so.
10. **Any Other Business:** None

The Chairman introduced the speaker, Julie Kinnear (formerly Ede), who gave an illustrated talk on Edith Piaf.

A vote of thanks was given and refreshments served.