

SOAR VALLEY u3a
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 25th July 2023
2.00pm at Normanton on Soar Village Hall

The Vice Chairman, Brian Kirk, opened the meeting, welcoming everyone to it and pointing out fire exits with Sue Miles and Paul Fileman as fire stewards for the afternoon. Apologies received from Chris Bowerman, Gill Howdle and Marilyn Wood.

1. **The Minutes of the last meeting** were available on the notice board.
2. **Matters arising:** None
3. **Chairman's Report (Brian Kirk):**
Nothing to report
4. **Secretary's Report (Mike Sharpe):** Nothing to report for u3a but Leake Ward councillors have had discussions with Tutin Court, which is under new management. They have room available for local groups looking for somewhere to hold meetings. Also East Leake Catholic Church is having a barn dance in E.L. Village Hall on Saturday 9th September. Tickets £15 (including hog roast) available from Mike.
5. **Treasurer's Report (Brian Kirk for GH):** Current cleared balance £6487.56, but including £300 Shugborough trip prepayments.
6. **Membership Report (Brian Kirk for MW):** No report but Marilyn has written an article for the forthcoming newsletter.
7. **Outings Team (Roger Golds):** Places still available for the NT Shugborough Hall trip on 7th September. Signup sheet on side table. £29 per person, £15 if National Trust member. Roger reminded members that suggestions were always welcome for future trip destinations.
8. **Group Co-ordinator's Report (Ian Lloyd):** A new group, Derbyshire Dales Walking Group, is being set up by Andrew Davidson, on the third Thursday of the month. Rosemary Alltree is setting up a Dog Owners Group. The History Group has vacancies. Brian Hill is looking to restart the Scottish Country Dancing Group. Ruth Friday is looking for new recruits for the Croquet Group. Details of all these can be found in the forthcoming newsletter.
9. **Communications (Brian Hinnners):** Brian reminded members that suggestions for speakers were always welcome and helpful.
9. **Social Team (Alison Lloyd):** Macmillan Coffee Morning on 30th September between 10am and 1pm at 3 College Road, Sutton Bonington. Christmas carvery booked at Rushcliffe Golf Club 1st December. Tickets will be available at the September general meeting. Alison thanked all those who have helped on the tea and coffee rota - it is now full to the end of the year.
10. **Any Other Business:** Joe Hemstock said he has to order u3a diaries at the beginning of September so members were asked to sign the sheet if they want one. Price will be £3.80.

Brian Hinnners introduced the speakers for the afternoon, Paul Waites and David Ryley from Ryley Wealth Management, part of the St James's Place group, talking about financial management for retirees.

A vote of thanks was given and refreshments served.