

SOAR VALLEY U3A
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 29th March 2022
2.00pm at Normanton on Soar Village Hall

The Chairman, Brian Hinnners, opened the meeting, welcoming everyone to it and pointing out fire exits with Ian Lloyd and Gill Howdle as fire stewards for the afternoon.

1. **The Minutes of the last meeting** were available on the notice board.
2. **Matters arising:** None
3. **Chairman's Report (Brian Hinnners):**
Brian reminded everyone that March was usually our AGM and we are trying to bring it back on track after Covid. Our next meeting in May will be the AGM, then next year it will revert to March.
Mike Sharpe has agreed to take on the role of Business Secretary and we also now have an "events secretary". Mary Lowden has agreed to be co-opted on to the committee as the Social Representative, ably supported by Ruth Grantham and Alison Lloyd. Thanks to them all. The Diamond Jubilee party is going ahead here at NoS Village Hall on Friday afternoon, 15th July with a BBQ, musical trio, cash bar and entertainment. More information will be available in the coming weeks.
4. **Secretary's Report:** None.
5. **Treasurer's Report (Gill Howdle):** Year end account total £3554.86. Current balance £5518.91. Gill told the meeting that the subsidy of £25 per month (for groups using halls instead of meeting in houses because of Covid) will be available until the end of May.
6. **Membership Report (Marilyn Wood):** Marilyn reported that 11 members have left. The current membership is 348, with subs due on 1st March still outstanding from 120 members, so this could change. Marilyn named 19 new members and welcomed them to SVu3a.
7. **Group Co-ordinator's Report (Ian Lloyd):** Ian told the meeting of a possible new group being set up - Contract Bridge. He asked members to contact him if they were interested in joining it.
8. **Social Team:** Mary had put in her apologies for the meeting so Alison invited everyone to the first coffee morning, with cake, to be held here at NoS Village Hall on Wednesday 20th April between 10am and 12 noon.
9. **Outings Team (Roger Golds):** Roger happily reported that SVu3a are "back on the road". The first adventure is to Hardwick Hall on Wednesday 6th July and details and booking list are on the outings notice board.
10. **Any Other Business:** None

The Chairman introduced the speaker, Neil Hanson, talking about his time running the Tan Hill Inn in the Yorkshire Dales, said to be the highest pub in the UK.

A vote of thanks was given and refreshments served.