

SOAR VALLEY u3a
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 31st January 2023
2.00pm at Normanton on Soar Village Hall

The Chairman, Brian Hinners, opened the meeting, welcoming everyone to it and pointing out fire exits with Sue Miles and Ian Lloyd as fire stewards for the afternoon. Apologies received from Mary and Jeremy Lowden.

1. **The Minutes of the last meeting** were available on the notice board.
2. **Matters arising:** None
3. **Chairman's Report (Brian Hinners):**
Brian told the meeting that plans were in hand for a full social programme and superb outings programme. Subscription renewal will be due on 1st March and Marilyn will talk about that. The AGM is back in March this year (Tuesday 28th). All of the current committee have agreed to stand for re-election but nominations can still be made. Details are in the newsletter. Two general meeting dates have been changed and details of these are also in the newsletter. Brian then told the members about an approach by Silverline Legal, a company giving advice on financial planning, wills, powers of attorney, etc. This is not a subject we have had at any previous general meetings and Brian asked for a show of hands from members who would be interested to hear them at a future meeting. About half of those present signified an interest and it was agreed to go ahead. Brian stressed that SVu3a did not endorse the company and no liability could be accepted if people "signed up".
4. **Secretary's Report (Mike Sharpe):** Nothing to report
5. **Treasurer's Report (Gill Howdle):** Current balance £4695.77. With regard to subscriptions, Gill asked members to gift aid if they could and didn't already do so.
6. **Membership Report (Marilyn Wood):** Membership is currently 341 with 4 new members being named and welcomed. The total unfortunately remains unchanged because four members have recently died. Marilyn then reminded members that subscription renewal was due on 1st March (not before please) by either BACS transfer or cheque with details in the newsletter. Late payers won't be chased up by phone (as previous years) and membership will be cancelled if subscriptions are not renewed by 30th April latest.
7. **Group Co-ordinator's Report (Ian Lloyd):** Ian thanked Steve Jones for keeping the website up-to-date. An email has been sent out to group leaders/contacts regarding the SVu3a asset register and Ian thanked those that who already replied.
8. **Social Team (Alison Lloyd):** Thursday 23rd February is a coffee/tea and cake chat at NoS Village Hall from 1.30 to 4.00pm. Tuesday 23rd May (note date change from 30th general meeting) Coronation BBQ at NoS Village Hall from 12 noon until 5pm. 1st December at Rushcliffe Golf Club, Christmas party with carvery. The general meeting in November will be held on 21st November, Further details of all these will be found in the newsletter.
9. **Outings Team (Roger Golds):** There will be three outings this year in June, July and September and details will be in the next newsletter. Roger urged the members to book up as soon as possible.
10. **Any Other Business:** None

The Chairman introduced the speaker, John Whitehead, talking about Ernest Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer.

A vote of thanks was given and refreshments served.