

Precis of Executive committee meetings

Precis of meeting 7th September 2019

The committee discussed the fact that the Walkers group will be suspended at present unless someone comes forward to run it. Maureen will organise the next Beat the Blues lunch next March and hope someone comes forward to run the Summer lunch. Maureen and Christine will organise day trips for the Travel Group next year.

Ways to promote our group were discussed at great length with various suggestions being put forward eg:- Thatcham Fun Day, Bucklebury Beer Festival and Chapel Row Fayre. This will be an ongoing subject for the Committee. There is also to be a discussion at the next TVN meeting regarding attracting younger members. Two Exec members will be attending this and will feedback hopefully useful information.

A new projector stand has been purchased for use in open meetings.

Two new members were co-opted onto the Committee. Janet Dorey will be New Member Contact and Wynne Frankum will be Study Day Organiser.

We have 339 members at present.

Precis of meeting 6th July 2019

One of the main focuses of this meeting was regarding the big groups that were losing their convenors. The travel group is the largest; the Committee agreed it would need more than one person to run them. As a result of this discussion Maureen and Christine agreed to run the group with Stuart as Treasurer looking after the finances. One or two more people would be helpful to research day trip venues.

The committee discussed various ways to promote U3A in Thatcham. It was agreed to consider a stall at next year's Funday and to get publicity for us during the Festival. It was suggested we look at setting up our own Facebook page and this is being investigated. We are also looking at approaching local GPs about holding information in Reception.

The Mayor of TTC is looking into the best place for the Craft Group tapestry to be displayed. There will be an announcement when the decision is made.

We currently have 335 members.

It was brought to our attention that the May Bank holiday next year will be changing which will affect the open meeting. The Committee discussed plans to change the date and the speaker; this has been done and will show in the new programme. We also discussed the purchase of a new projector stand as the old one is very wobbly. This has now been purchased.

Precis of meeting 4th May 2019

The committee discussed the skills/roles needed to continue functioning effectively. It was agreed that a website manager, Convenor contact and Study Day organiser were roles that needed to be filled.

Various topics for Study days were discussed but discounted as not being suitable.

Information about discounts available locally will soon hopefully be put up on the website.

We have been invited to take part in the Highclere Country Show over the 26th/27th May. Chair is putting together a list of people who have volunteered to help run this.

Christmas meeting is being organised and updates will be ongoing.

Two members of the Exec committee attended TVN meeting on Friday 10th May.

As Jane head is stepping down for organising both the Summer and Beat the Blues lunches, the committee discussed ideas of how to recruit another organiser and team to continue with these popular events.

Precis of minutes for 5th January 2019

- Craft group hanging – Committee agreed to pay for this to be hung if no other funds are readily available.
- Christine Belcher agreed to take on the role of Secretary.
- Committee again expressed concern about difficulty in recruiting to the Exec.
- New members – It was agreed that a volunteer member would be available to welcome new members at general meetings. Chairman to make announcement at next meeting.

Precis of minutes for 12th November 2018

- Joint groups – no problem is foreseen with forming joint groups.
- Beat the blues lunch – planned for 11th March.
- Craft sale table – It was discussed and agreed that a craft sale table could alternate with the book club at general meetings.
- Christine Belcher co-opted on to Exec.
- Discussion about the Exec's responsibility for money held by groups, and best practice in this area.
- Christmas meeting – Joint singing groups plus contribution for the play reading group will be the entertainment for the day. Catering has been agreed.

Precis of minutes for 17th September 2018

- Study days – 19 out of 22 places were taken up for the Music appreciation day.

- October open morning – Plans for this event were discussed so that everyone knows what is happening,
- Christmas meeting – Ideas for December meeting were discussed. It was suggested asking members to form a separate sub-committee to organise the Christmas events in the future.

Precis of minutes for 16th July 2018

- GDPR – All comments received have been incorporated in the DP and Privacy documents which are available to view on web site or in the library.
- Study days – Application form for Music Appreciation day on 26thSept are ready to go out.
- Joint Groups – Latin group is shared group with Newbury and exists on both websites. This needs further investigation.
- October open morning – Catholic hall booked for 12thOctober; other preparation in hand.