

**MINUTES OF THE WARSASH U3A COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
2nd JUNE 2023 AT 2.00 PM AT 21 HOLLYBROOK GARDENS**

1. JS welcomed the Committee Members to the Meeting.
2. **Present:** Judith Sims(JS), Simon Hamersley(SH), George Pickburn(GP), Bob Goodson(BG)
Sue Snape(SS), Rosemary Scott(RS), Audrey Sawdon(AS), Sue Pearce(SP),
Jenny Harmer(JS)
3. **Apologies:** Dianne Hammersley(DH), Kumi Coulthard(KC), Jan Myatt(JM), Pam Benson(PB)
Christine Savage(CS)

4. **Minutes of the last Meeting**

These were approved and signed by JS.

5. **Matters Arising**

SS now has a helper. There have been no firm offers of help for PB.
The Coronation Picnic was a success.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

GP reported there was no movement on the accounts and these have been reconciled. GP mentioned that KC would stand in for him while he was away in June. He stressed that any money should be kept by Group Leaders and KC would be able to pay people or JS could pay and KC to approve.

7. **Speaker's Report**

Our June speaker is Fran Sandham. His talk is entitled A Solo Walk Across Africa. He lives in the Wirral and is travelling down to Swanwick by train and PB has offered to collect him from the station. He is bringing his own laptop (for a PowerPoint presentation) but wants to use the screen and projector in the hall. This means he will have to be in front of the stage instead of on it. His fee is £170 inclusive and he has agreed to be paid by BACS. PB will email GP the bank details as soon as she has them. He will need a small table for his laptop. PB has managed to book Catherine Hallam's signing group (Sign4Fun) for our December meeting. Her group will sing some Christmas songs and will be signing for the hard of hearing at the same time. No fee as she is a member.

8. **Member's Report**

BG reported there were no new members.

9. **Group Leader's Report**

Classic Cars – SS reported there was no longer a Classic Cars Group but should something of interest come up GH would need to be contacted to arrange an event.

Rummikup Group – this is a very successful group which is being held monthly.

Family History Group – this is a new group and a meeting will be held for anyone interested on the 13 June.

On the Water Group– there was a lot of initial interest at the beginning with suggestions of paddle boarding and going on canal boat trips. SS will send out an email regarding holding a BBQ to try and get more interest.

Bridge Group – Ross Whitehouse will run a beginners course over a period of eight weeks assisted by Malcom Wallace in early October with initially twelve players which would probably go down to eight. RW would like members to pay up front for the hire of the hall.

Cooking Together – Barbara Hiavaty would like to hire a canteen and a small room for two hours. Members would have to pay in advance for a ten week course. There will be a meeting at the end of August for this to commence at the beginning of September. This will require a lot of arranging and two people will need to run it each month to put out the equipment etc. Individuals will bring their own ingredients. After a discussion it was thought that an extra room was not necessary and perhaps the kitchen in the Victory Hall could be hired for this Group.

MOTO – At the moment Tony Jackson is running this and he would like members to suggest somewhere different to eat each month.

Short Walks - SS said this has now changed to Mondays

Holiday Group – RS said she would be happy to take this on. There have been a lot of suggestions such as a week-end away at a Warners, rail journeys where everything is arranged for you, interest holidays such as canasta and Mah Jong and visits to other U3A group.

Murder Mystery – there are a number of names on the list but no one has offered to take it on. GP mentioned looking in Charity shops for any clothing which may be appropriate for a murder mystery event. JH said she has a lot of material at home which may be of use. SS will put something out to members.

News Letter – SS and PB to ask Group Leaders if they have any news and if so for an email to be sent to PB who can then put it in the News Letter.

Wine Group – JS said this will be held at Malcolm Wallace's house.

10. Fred Olsen Cruises

JS reported that Fred Olsen give U3A members an extra discount of 5% on top of any other discounts they offer.

11. Key Code for back of stage cupboard

SS had a spare key to the U3A cupboard at the Victory Hall which she has given to SH. There is a code on the door which will open the door into the room.

12. Theatre Group Update

JS had a long chat with Jennifer Knight. At the moment David Knight cannot use his ipad and he is going to be in hospital for a very long time before he is any better. JS would like the Committee and U3A members to send David a Get Well card. This will be on a table in the Victory Hall on Friday, 9th June for anyone who wishes to sign. Meanwhile Carolyn Hamilton-Fletcher is standing in for David.

13. Welcome Coffee Morning

JS reported that so far there was not a lot of interest therefore an email has been sent inviting all members to the coffee morning. This will be held in the Bartholomew Room at Victory Hall from 10.00-12.00 noon on Tuesday, 6th June. Group Leaders will be present and explain to new members the various activities they can join and forms will be available for them to sign. Perhaps Group Leaders could find out if any new member had any ideas regarding different activities.

JS mentioned to Committee Members that the Beacon website will show the number of Warsash members and those who have recently joined.

14. Defibrillator Training

JS said there is a defibrillator in Victory Hall and the instructions on how to use it are very clear as it talks to you. GP mentioned that there is a 3 and a half minute video by St.John's Ambulance on YouTube. It was suggested showing the video to members at the July meeting. SH looking into feasibility.

15. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next meetings will be held on 7th July at 2.00 pm at 21 Hollybrook Gardens.

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