

## **Committee Members**

Chair - Nigel Varnam (NV)

Vice Chair - Linda Ketteridge (LK)

Business Secretary - John Acklaw (JA)

Treasurer - Ryland Perrin (RP)

Assistant Treasurer - John Bailey (JB)

Membership - Barbara Jacobs (BJ)

Groups - Annie Compton (AC)

Communications - Carmen Konopka (CK)

Speaker Coordinator - Barry Maxwell (BM)

Events Coordinator - Chrissy Thear (CT)

## **Apologies**

NV and BJ

## **Matters Arising**

None.

**Action:** None

## **Minutes of Last Meeting**

Approved. To be uploaded to Google Drive.

**Action:** JA

## **Committee**

The date for the quiz night is Saturday 24th October.

New members coffee morning: 28th May at Thorley Community Centre. BJ to invite members. CK to include in Newsletter.

15th Anniversary lunch: enquiries suggest too expensive. Agreed that CT explore other alternatives e.g cake or commemorative gift.

A letter of authorisation is needed to download a U3A logo for the Newsletter. CK to advise secretary of what is required.

**Action:** JA, CT, CK/JA

## **Membership**

Secretary has asked Ken to create an on-line membership form.

**Action:** BJ

## **Speaker**

First meeting at new venue went well.

Speakers booked for remainder of 2026 and bookings in good shape for 2027

**Action:** None

## **Business Secretary**

The U3A Trust Return has been completed stating the membership as at March numbered 645

**Action:** None

## **Treasurer**

Finances healthy. As agreed, donation to South Mill Arts has been made.

Requests from groups for support from Riviera funds: The following amounts were proposed and agreed; Recorders: £200; Table Tennis 1: £51; Wine Group: £100; Further Proposed and agreed: Assistance with groups' hall rentals: £150 per group.

**Action:** RP

## **Groups**

Badminton Group has a waiting list.

AC confirmed that a group sharing agreement with neighbouring U3As is in place.

British Sign Language: AC working on costs etc. PAT testing of equipment. AC to check.

Creative Writing Group still under consideration

**Action:** AC

## **Events**

Choir concert to be advertised in Newsletter

Agreed that CT will approach Golf Club for date of Xmas Lunch booking

**Action:** CT

## **Communications**

First Newsletter under new editorship completed.

**Action:** None

## **Events**

CT to work with BJ re arranging new members welcome meeting

CK offered to organise another Quiz Night

**Action:** CT, BJ, CK

## **Diary/Calendar Check**

To be retrieved from JB

**Action:** TC

## **A.O.B.**

Meeters and Greeters: AC to discuss with team operations in new venue.

Defibrillators: BM has found explanatory YouTube video which could be displayed on the rolling screen

LK suggested visit to the exhibition of the Queens Wardrobe might be of interest to members. CK to suggest to DW for a possible Cultures and Customs trip

**Action:** AC BM, CK

## **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 21st May 2026. 10.15 a.m. at Bishop's Stortford Library