

BURNLEY & DISTRICT U3A

Minutes of the meeting held at the Unity Centre Padiham on Sept.8th

Present S Limmer, M Hartley, M Bushby, J Bridge, A Wiseman, F Whittle

1 Apologies for absence

P. Ferguson, M Jackson, G Markham, M Philp, P Hartley B Hayman.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and signed.

3 Melinda pointed out that she had been present at the last meeting but was not recorded as such.

4 Correspondence and Secretary's Report

No correspondence has been received.

Received from the trust

Copy of Third Age Trust's Annual Report and Accounts for 2015/2016. Outlines Achievements and Future plans

Poster and flyers advertising the celebration of '100U3As' to be held in London Nov. 22nd

Latest publicity leaflet 'Who We Are and What We Do ' aimed at new members. These are available free and it is suggested we order some MB or BH will do this

A guide on how to write a report for Sources

An updated cover note for the Tour Operator Insurance

Flyers advertising forthcoming events at

The Royal Institution, The National Gallery & the Christmas Concerts at the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy

Zazia Pratt is available to give talks on Communication, Diversity and Inclusion , The History & Development of the U3A Movement, Learning styles, and Group Leader Development

Email sam.maunger@u3a.org.uk

Newsletter for the NW Region detailing 2 courses

Different ways of Learning Oct13th in Liverpool and Inclusiveness Awareness Nov4th Warrington

Newsletter will be available on the website

Jenny Carley has retired from her trusteeship and will be replaced by Gill Russell

5 Treasurer's Report

At Aug 25th enrolment for the current year stood at 253 compared to 242 at the same time last year.

At Aug 25th the Main Bank account balance stood at £8760.58 & the Social bank account held £732.20

The social outings group have drawn £45 from their account to make up the shortfall in numbers going on the royal Armouries visit this month.

The £60 Copyright Licence has been paid from the main account to the Third Age Trust

Most group leaders have handed in their half year to June accounts , and hopefully the rest will arrive soon.

Two membership subscriptions of £18 instead of £16 have arrived as the brochure still shows the old figures.

This will be altered by hand until the new batch of leaflets arrive , and will be altered on the web site.

Marjorie and Melinda will continue to use the large table at the back of the hall.

6 Group co-ordinator's report

The plan to resurrect the History group is progressing and Brenda is in the process of collecting names of interested members .Once a viable number has been reached dates and times will be agreed.

It is hoped to set up a beginners German Language group in the New Year Laura Carter is willing to lead this.

Janet Clunie is to retire as group leader of the Photography group and Stuart Thorn has agreed to take over

Margaret Jones is to retire as philosophy group leader but no new leader has come forward at this time

Thanks will be given to both Janet and Margaret in the next newsletter.

Christmas entertainment – will be discussed later

7 Publicity officers report – there was nothing to report

8 Web editor's report

The web site has been updated with amended information obtained from the monthly newsletter . No copy has been received for group leaders. Web site stats are available.

Social media Burnley and District U3A now has a Facebook page . It can be accessed at

<https://www.facebook.com./pages/Burnley-and-District-U3A/823484161114313>

a link has been placed on the web site to the above page.

Anyone who has information /events/photographs/etc which they would like to appear on our facebook page can email John at johnrbridge@gmail.com . U3A members who have a facebook login can post using the Visitor Post option . all posts are moderated before being published

This information will be posted in the Newsletter.

9 Speaker's Secretary Report nothing to report this meeting .All speakers are booked .

10 December meeting

After the initial interest there has been a lull due the holiday period. The Folk dance group volunteered but this would be difficult for safety reasons due to lack of space.

The singing group will perform but not until after 3pm . The poetry group will participate and the ukulele group may do.

The photography group will produce a slide show with music illustrating member's work.

It was suggested by Alan that he may be able to video the folk dance group and project this onto the big screen.

There have been no individual volunteers as yet.

There will also be exhibitions from the photography and painting groups in the Centenary room as usual.

Mince pies will be provided as usual.

11 Joint meeting at Todmorden – Margaret and Sheilagh with Melinda and Alan will attend if possible. Each Chair normally produces a written report prior to the meeting . No communication has been received from Todmorden at this time .

12 10th Anniversary celebration. It is hoped to invite Gill Russell to this meeting along with the Chairs from the other U3As in our area. A decision needs to be made as to which meeting is considered our 10th anniversary February or April .

Due to the complexities of this meeting and lack of committee members at the meeting it was decided to hold a meeting in October where this would be the main focus , but would also take the place of the November meeting .

The date for this would either be the 4th or 6th of October . Margaret will contact members to confirm the date .

13 A.O.B.

There was no other business

14 date of next meeting

To be confirmed as either the 4th or 6th of October at the Unity centre 10am.

Meeting closed at 11.45 a.m.