

Minutes of a meeting of Great Glen U3A Committee held on 1st October 2018

1. **Present:** Sue and Peter Russell, Patricia and Robert Mansfield, Roger Edwards, Stella Orbell, John Johnson, Bill Maxted, Rachael Snashall.
2. **The minutes of a meeting held on 4.09.18** were agreed as a true record.
3. **Matters Arising** It had been agreed that no further boat trips will be advertised in the Newsletter and these will now cease.
4. **October Main Meeting.** Speaker Brian Johnson. Requires screen, table, mats (Roger to bring) Line Dance Group to provide refreshments.
5. **Finance,**
 - Accounts have now been submitted to charity commissioners.
 - It was decided to adopt the U3A Model Policy on Safeguarding and to be sure Group Leaders have a copy to read. ? whose action?
 - £8,500 in bank. Rent now £1200 per month when all groups meet. Discounted rent for the church would be £32 compared with £14 for the Ruth Warner Room for Ukeleles. The group will be using the main hall until Christmas. Swimming now costs £65.20 per session for the lifeguards. The school requires 1 month's notice if we decide to cease using it.
6. **Christmas Meeting.** Title decided Christmas Crackers. Tickets will be on sale for £2 in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Charity at November meeting. Roger to print. 10 a.m. start (no drinks at this point)
 - Suggested programme so far.

Music on arrival, John Gough.

Ukeleles

David Green at the keyboard.

Reading Robert

School choir

Monologue John Parrington

Singing Ann Harcourt

Reading Ann de Voil

Sing along to keyboard David Green.

Music John Gough for buffet.

Dancers in reserve if needed.

- Buffet. Waiter/waitress service. To people in their seats. Disposable tea size plates. Finger food only e.g. sausage rolls, mini sandwiches, cheese pineapple or sausages on sticks. Small cakes, mini mince pies grapes etc.

Drinks to follow food.

When people buy their tickets they are to be asked to offer to bring 1 item from the list which will be compiled beforehand. Squash to be provided for choir.

7. Group co-ordinator Report.

- Walking Without Stiles did not happen due to lack of support.
- Learn Something New Astronomy initial meeting. DVD to be shown followed by talk from Bob Forrest Market Harborough group leader. 12th November 2 p.m.
- Bead Bracelets. Only 2 takers so cancelled.
- Jim Picken has resigned from French group as leader. This will now re-start on 10th October with a new leader Joan Stevens who is not yet a member.
- 2nd Book Group now full. Taking place 4th Thursday of the month.
- New Writing Group starts 4th Tuesday 23rd October. 2 p.m. 4 members so far.

8. Membership

- 377 members - record number.
- Janet Fanko has agreed to take over and will attend the next committee meeting.

9. Gift Aid.

Bill requesting registers. Group leaders should submit quarterly.

10 Correspondence.

- Resource Centre Update information.
- September National Newsletter: Website pictures may need copyright. Conference News - new Chairman Ian McCannagh and new East Midlands rep Jean Hogg. New leaflet brought out advertising U3A (Stella to order). Subject Adviser news - to be sent to Group Leaders.

11 Newsletter Numbers to be reduced. Discussion re possible change to send additional material out by e mail. Not to take place at present.

12 Committee Vacancies. Chairman - Robert to consider whether he might take this on from May. Newsletter Editor required.

13 New Members Meeting.

- 30 new members since last meeting. New date - 30.11.18 in the main hall.
- Group leaders to be asked if they would like to speak at this. Toni's video to be shown.

14 Other Business

- Refreshments (coffee tea and sugar) now to be maintained by Sue Colledge.
- Milk now being provided in fridge at Methodist Hall. Discussion.

Next meeting Tuesday 6th November 2018 2.15 p.m.

