

WROXHAM AND DISTRICT U3A

Minutes of the Committee Meeting
held at the Wroxham Hub on Tuesday 8th May 2018

Meeting opened at 2.05pm

Present John Long, Keith Roe, Mary Long, Jane Monks, Jan Barrington and Maggie Richardson

1. Apologies from Corrie Mould, Di Stagg and Margaret Cobbold
John commenced the meeting by welcoming Keith as our new treasurer who had volunteered after the AGM last month. To keep the records in order he was proposed by bMary Long, seconded by Jan and officially welcomed to the committee.

2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on March 13th were agreed and signed by John Long.

3. Matters arising The cluster group was discussed and there appears to be a vague agreement to work together and things are moving forward, but very slowly, it is hoped that doors can be opened to all even if unofficially. But there has to be a formal agreement in place for the insurance.

Kensington Palace The trip is booked for July 11th but we still need more people, so John has approached other groups. We need at least 20 people to cover the cost of a coach and the tour with Peter Lawrence which would then cost each individual £42.

4 AGM very successful and the speaker afterwards was really good, we all agreed we could have listened to her for a lot longer. Maggie has this in hand. All the offices are now filled but with John having to stand down at the end of this year we do need to encourage someone to take over as Chair next April.

5. Summer Event We agreed on a Garden Party at the Keanes and that it should be on a Friday probably in July, we may need an emergency

committee meeting to decide who is doing what i.e. food, wine and glasses. Agreed glasses can be borrowed with the wine purchase from Tesco/Sainsbury's or maybe Roys.

Here Jan interrupted to make a correction to the agenda of the date of the next committee meeting

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6. Open Day All agreed on September 18th as the Speaker booked for that day is unavailable on that day anyway. John will e mail all group leaders to forewarn them and give them plenty of time to prepare. Booking the Hub for the morning as well is being investigated by Keith. We will need tea, coffee and soft drinks plus cakes, biscuits, sausage rolls for instance.

Will need publicity Jan has said she will do posters -can manage up to A3. She will also attempt to get local magazines to publicise it, along with our next meeting i.e. June. Hopefully this task can then be taken over by someone else as Jan is doing a lot anyway.

Jan will contact U3A head office for leaflets and any publicity available. John will write an article about "What is the U3A" to add to the publicity, as it was agreed that there are an awful lot of people out there who have never heard of us and do not even know what U3A stands for.

7. Correspondence there was none but Jan confirmed the data had been sent to the Third Age Trust.

8. Suggestions for New Groups John is going to try and re-start the Garden visiting group and has been approached by somebody who is willing to do a "Computer Skills for the Terrified" which was enthusiastically received by the Committee, but this is in very early stages.

Play reading group is in negotiations with the Maddermarket re sets of plays, but with no luck so far, thus they are putting play reading on hold for a while and will still meet at the same day and time but will read poetry instead. First Tuesday of the month at The Horse and Groom.

Mary Long is offering a short course (6 weeks) on Communication Skills for people with acquired hearing loss but will run it past Corrie first.

9. Reports

The Treasurer only took over in the past week so had no report.

Membership We have 41 members who have renewed their membership at present. John requested that Jan email all those who haven't renewed to ask them.

The renewal forms did not contain the information that had been requested so Jan will re word it and add "By giving us your e-mail address you have consented to receiving information and mail fro the U3A"

It was also agreed that all group leaders should request sight of the new membership cards at least at the first meeting of the new session.

10. Maggie is organising a three day course with Marta Wellner and has had requests from 3 who are not members and it was decided that they could only attend if they enrolled as members. Maggie then spoke about the Pastons and what they had learnt in the History Group. dr Rob Knee will be speaking at our General meeting next week-in costume.

11. The next meeting will be on 10th July at the Hub at 2-00pm unless otherwise notified.

The meeting closed at 3.35pm