**HUCKNALL & DISTRICT U3A**

**MINUTES of the Hucknall & District U3A Committee held at the John Godber Centre on Wednesday 2nd August 2023 at 10 am.**

**Present:** Melvyn Francis [in the Chair] Liz Attenborough, Angela Cornish, Christine Eagle, Diane Heenan, Gary Holmes, Tina Holmes, Mark Jackson, Helen Rose, , Sue Tedstone and Greg Umney

**1.Apologies:** Lynda Smeathers

**2. Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting signed as a true record** with one amendment -4b to read Notts not North Notts

**3. Arising from the Minutes:** Clarification on 4b given.

After further discussion on 4d the committee decided that the Chair would add a short Matters of Interest to the newsletter

**4. Chair:** The National U3A proposes a governing structure which includes a Council as well as a Board. Information is also available on: U3A week, training schemes and U3A Festival 2024

**5. Speakers’ Secretary:** Diane thanked the committee for the flowers she received. Review June’s speaker - OK but poor microphone skills. The July speaker was fine. The August speaker Graham Short, ‘My Life as a Micro-Artist’. September speaker, Heather Griffiths, Perfect Princess – Grace Kelly.

**6. Social Subcommittee –** 23rd September Frocks and Rocks tickets £8 available.

Xmas Social Afternoon 4th December with cooked meal and singalong led by invited members, cost £15.00. [ Xmas monthly meeting Wed 13th Dec, video of groups singing etc. compiled by C Vincent] Further clarification needed

**7. Webmaster:** Facebook featured walking groups. Request members to like and share posts

**8. Groups’ Co-Ordinator:**

1. 6th October Group Leader's Meeting Buffet 12.30-2.30 in hand. Invites to those who help H&D U3A in any capacity. Format – buffet followed by Q&A and scenarios

2. Christmas Tree Festival - Flower Arranging Group to submit entry. Application to participate to be completed

3. Group monthly meeting presentations completed. Format of meeting to return to notices, break, speaker.

4. JGC paperwork completed. May be need to be completed annually

**9. Treasurer:** Overall finances slightly better than budget.

As the committee are accountable for finances general expenditure of funds should be approved by the committee

**10. Equipment Manager:** Liz absent for August monthly meeting and in September - John Tedstone and MF to cover

To improve audibility: head mics to be trialed; loop system to be turned up if possible; half front row to be reserved for hard-of-hearing; JGC to be informed when their equipment is poorly functioning.

**11. Vice-Chairman Short Courses & Workshops:** Interest and names to be sought forIntroduction to Yoga

**12. Events Organiser:** 9th September publicity stall, Rotary Community Day, in hand

**13. Membership Secretary:**

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| Membership | 479 | Non Renewals | 44 |
| Full | 442 | May attendees | 149 |
| Associate | 18 | Left early | 46 |
| Affiliated | 19 | New members since Sept 22 | 40 + 6 July |
| Printed Newsletter | 80 printed | 63 taken | 17 left |

**14. Business Secretary:** Notts Network has new treasurer; news required from H&D U3A; accident forms received.

Charity Commission- our new constitution on website; Annual returns not filed as yet.

**15. Any other business:** None

**The next Committee meeting will be held at the John Godber Centre on Wednesday 6th September** [**2023@10.00**](mailto:2023@10.00)