

**Coordinators Meeting Friday September 29th 2017
St Elphin's 2 – 4 p.m.**



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Minutes

1. Diane welcomed new and returning coordinators Karen.

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Present: Martin Emery, Roger

Keeling, John Mann, Lyn Mason, Julie Dumelow, Sue Cain, Hilary Casey, Trevor Boam, Mike Frosdick, Hazel Finch, Liz Chisnall, Peter Hume, Lesley Shaw, Helen Boocock, Diane Frosdick (chair), Karen Hale.

2. Apologies for absence: Nick Binns, Janet Pidgeon, Anne Oldfield, Hartley Jenkinson, Jane Burgess, Ros Bourne, David Gadsby, Pam Johns, Nigel Johns, Ruth Gordon, Jeremy Taylor, Max Price, Tracy Sims, Jill Fawcett, Dave Puxley, Sarah Puxley, Liz Walker, Patricia Wildgoose, Susan Tomlinson, Barbara Davey, Maggie Robinson, John Lamb, Maggie Shields, Hilary Essen.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on June 12th 2017. These were accepted with no corrections.

Matters arising: another reminder that several members of the management committee will be retiring in March. Coordinators are asked to consider joining the committee themselves and to ask their groups to consider volunteering. This isn't an onerous task – four committee meetings a year and being willing to support at coffee mornings and the AGM etc.

4. New groups and coordinator updates.

Hilary Casey has taken over from Ros Bourne for the International Folk Dancing group; Ros is still coordinator of Current Affairs 1, and Diane thanked her for her work with the dance group.

A new Wind Recorder group has been started by Karen Hale; 12 people have said they are interested in joining and 4 attended the first meeting.

Audrey Horner, previously coordinator of the Canasta group has gone into a nursing home so Frank Hemming who runs a second Canasta group will take over the role of coordinator.

Jeremy Taylor will be handing over Art Appreciation 2 to Penny Whitney in the New Year.

5. AGM March 2018. This year will be on the afternoon of Monday 19th March 2018 in the large hall at the Imperial Rooms, Matlock. This is a town centre location with parking nearby, handy for the bus station etc. and has a hearing Loop. The speaker will be James McKay, a local man who is a zoologist and former CEO of the UK's National Federation of Zoos. He has made many TV appearances and has a particular interest in raptors and ferrets. Timings and refreshment details will be issued nearer the time. Martin suggested encouraging members to use public transport.

6. Social committee. Several members have come forward who are willing to help with social events on an ad hoc basis. They will be contacted when needed.

7. MAU3A 10th anniversary celebrations. (Trevor and Liz were amongst the founder members; they started with about 100 members with 10 groups.) Tuesday 10th October at Crich Tramway Village. The cost to members for entry is £10. A complimentary buffet will be served at noon in the Red Lion pub which is on site, paid for by MAU3A. Monday October 2nd is the cut off date for names and cheques being given to Barbara Phelan.

A large decorated cake is being ordered for the November Coffee Morning for those members who can't join us at Crich. We are hoping to put together a selection of images from earlier days for the coffee morning – a rolling background show. Any photos will be welcomed by Penny.

Dave Puxley will send an article to U3A Matters, the Peak Advertiser and Matlock Mercury.

8. Coordinators Forum/Discussion time.

- Judith Hodges, treasurer, has mentioned that some coordinators are making up any shortfall in their groups expenses from their own pockets. Coordinators were asked not to feel pressurised into doing this. The group should be self-supporting, not subsidised by the coordinator. If anyone needs any support with this, contact Diane.
- Trevor pointed out that if groups are meeting in the afternoon in pay and display car parks, meeting at 2.15p.m. means you pay for 2 hours parking and are then already into the free post 4 p.m. parking.
- Sue has been running 2 Tap Dancing groups, one after the other. This is hard work! She has merged the groups and this has been generally well received. Sessions run from 1.30p.m. to 2.30 p.m. and people can arrive from 1p.m. and have refreshments afterwards. The group so far has been between 10 and 18 people, the latter being a bit snug.
- Lyn mentioned that 2 Creative Writing group members are each having a book published. Rosina Newton has written her first book about adopting in South America. Jill Armitage is a published author of the paranormal and has a new book coming out shortly. Lyn to check if they are happy to send this information to U3A Matters to promote Matlock either in the book review section or the round up of local news at the end.

- Discussion about group members taking on tasks. Varied experience. Bigger groups are more likely to have more than one person sharing tasks e.g. Bridge.
- International Dancing has 30 members 25 of whom attend regularly.
- Singing for Pleasure regularly has 27 ladies and 5 men attending and 2 pianists. They have been invited back to Underhall and elsewhere.
- John mentioned the Book group, which runs itself. Its 12 members meet monthly, all choose a book and play host once per year.
- Julie coordinates the Wildflower group. Julie takes on communication, others investigate where to visit to see flowers.
- The Gardening group is just having outdoor meetings this year instead of coming indoors in the winter.
- The three general History groups, like the Book group, have around 12 members each who take responsibility for presenting roughly one session a year.

9. Information from the Management Committee. It has been decided to adopt the Beacon Information System which is a database application which a large number of U3As already use. Its primary use is for membership but it can also be used for coordinator information and finance. The cost to us will be 50p per member p.a. Using the system means member information will be kept securely on an independent server instead of a laptop. There is also support for using the system.

The decision has also been made to adopt internet banking for the treasurer which should make things easier especially with the proposed closure of several NatWest branches.

10. Coffee mornings. Are any groups willing to put on a display? Please let Diane know.

11. Upcoming events: Christmas Party. Friday December 1st. Matlock Golf Club, 7 for 7.30pm to finish at 11pm. Tickets are £24 from Barbara or at the Coffee Mornings. Each table will have a roast turkey crown and vegetables, trifle, coffee and mince pies. There is a Vegetarian option which must be pre-booked. Dancing to the Burning Embers (partly made up from our previously used group the Dying Embers). An A Capella group will perform during the dessert part of the meal.

12. Date and time of next meeting: Monday January 22nd 2018 in The Studio, St Elphin's 2p.m. to 4 p.m. N.B. This may have to change due to changes to the Fitness Programme in the Studio.