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**Coordinators Meeting Wednesday August 17th 2016
St Elphin's 2 – 4 p.m.**

Minutes

1. Welcome

2. Present: Chris Lloyd, Martin Emery, Mike Frosdick, Roger Keeling, Ros Bourne, Lesley Shawe, Peter Hume, Janet Pidgeon, Mike Reuss, Max Price, Sue Cain, Hazel Finch, Jane Burgess, Jenny McEwan, Diane Frosdick (chair).

Apologies for absence: Lyn Mason, Liz Chisnall, Anne Oldfield, Jeremy Taylor, Elvee Hall, Hartley Jenkinson, Trevor Boam, Liz Walker, Maudie Behrens, Maggie Robinson, Dave Puxley, John Lamb, Sue Sarbutt, Hartley Jenkinson, Nigel and Pam Johns, Jill Fawcett, Helen Boocock, Barbara Davey, Julie Dumelow.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on April 19th 2016.

- Accuracy - The word Agenda needs changing to Minutes
- Matters arising not on the agenda:
 1. After the last meeting Mike met with Jeremy to sort out issues he was having with image quality using the current equipment. This was resolved but it was decided by the Management Committee that a new laptop be purchased as part of a rolling replacement programme. A new Asus laptop (using Windows 10) has been bought and when Mike has put together a brief user guide, it will be available for use together with the existing Dell laptops. Training can be arranged if required.
 2. Willersley Castle was stated as being suitable for short meetings (no fee if refreshments were purchased) but this may no longer be the case. Coordinators should check with Willersley Castle beforehand. Jane said that Bakewell groups regularly use a room at Hassop Station Café without charge.

4. New groups and coordinator updates

Max Price has taken over from John Hargreaves as coordinator of the Motorcycling group. Peter Hume is relaunching Wine Appreciation in the autumn, to be held on the 3rd Tuesday evening every other month. A new Boules group (Boules Deux) has been set up by Martin Emery, with a further group proposed by Max Price (to be promoted in Septembers What's On).

Several other new groups have been suggested and the names of anyone interested collected. These include Short Walks (various formats), Social Dancing, Social Bridge, Sunday Lunch and also Book Group. An update on the recent Skiing proposal from Max: 6-7 interested so far, a further 3 would be needed to make a trip viable. Trips planned for January and March. A membership survey is planned for later in the year by Martin Emery and he reminded us that he would need time to work on this beforehand.

5. Membership renewal. A document from Jenny McEwan which sets out proposals to change the renewal process was discussed. This was also discussed at length at the Management Meeting at the end of July.

The new process will be as follows:-

- *A notice will go in the November and December What's On advising that payment of membership is due on January 1st.*
- *The actual request email or letter will go out in December. Bank Transfer will be pushed as a means to pay and Members will be advised they will be able to pay at the January and February Coffee Mornings too.*
- *Coordinators should also remind their group members at their December and January meetings that membership is due on January 1st. (This was suggested at the meeting by Ros.)*
- *A list of people who haven't paid will be issued to coordinators in February and these people should be asked to pay up promptly.*
- *We will no longer issue membership cards, receipts or further reminders.*
- *Anyone not renewing by the end of March will be removed from the membership list and will not be able to attend MAU3A interest groups or events, including the AGM.*

A discussion followed concerning members without email addresses and Jenny is to make a list of these members available to the coordinators, who will check they do not have a working email address for someone on the list. A list of new members is also to be circulated for checking by coordinators.

6. Coordinators Forum/Discussion time

Contribution from Anne Oldfield: *Last Tuesday, 19 July, Art Appreciation 1 organised a visit to York Art Gallery. We took a group of 47 and we all had a really good day.*

I would like to thank the 'What's on?' team and MAU3A website for providing the publicity which enabled us to recruit such a large number of members to join us so that we were able to travel in a comfortable coach.

Martin commented on how nice it was to get feedback of this kind as it is rarely given and the web master (now Penny of course) is left wondering if the promotion effort has been worthwhile.

Ros commented that she felt a further Current Affairs group ought to be feasible as both the present groups are full. Roger Keeling reported that Jill Fawcett was stepping down as coordinator of CA2. The group is going to organise their programme differently with each meeting host being responsible

for all communications about their particular meeting and Roger take the coordinator part of that role in future.

Roger also reported that a new beginner's bridge group starts in September which will bring problems next year when the beginners graduate to the already full main bridge group.

7. Petty cash returns are due for the period end of January 2016 to end of July 2016. Please will all coordinators who collect in money from their group members (apart from a small donation towards teas and coffees), send Judith a summary of their account for this period. A form for this purpose can be found under the coordinators section on the website or you can create your own form as long as it contains the relevant information.

8. Information from the Management Committee

There was some concern from the treasurer at the meeting over the poorly attended social events of late which meant certain events (Chester Trip and Race Night in April) lost money.

A new Membership Secretary will be needed from next March, please consider stepping forward for this post or urging someone in your group to do so. Jenny has a 'job specification' for anyone interested and would like to work with someone in advance of next year to ensure a smooth transition.

The question of the proposed Wirksworth U3A was raised; no progress has been made as yet. It was voiced again that folk did not feel it was needed and could dilute MAU3A. Jane commented that Bakewell U3A lost several groups to the new Hope Valley U3A.

9. Coffee mornings – numbers have been down through the summer as they were last year but are expected to pick up in the autumn. New members are still being signed up at every one. It is helpful if coordinators can spare the time to come along to these. It was proposed at a recent meeting that each group put together a short presentation or 'event' at a Coffee Morning to let other members know what each group gets up to. These are not necessarily for 'recruitment'. Anything would be suitable to fill a 5-10 minute slot or perhaps a display to the side of the room. There are at present some 48 groups so your group's turn would not come around very often! Perhaps groups could join together to put something on.

10. Upcoming events

Christmas Party Friday December 2nd 2016 at Matlock Golf Club. The Dying Embers have now confirmed their booking.

Another Race Evening is planned for Friday October 21st 2016 at Matlock Football Club. A different format is being arranged and the food will be buffet type. Everyone who came to the last one enjoyed themselves – we just need more people to come along.

If anyone has any ideas for future events please let us know. We do not get any suggestions from the membership despite asking regularly.

11. Any other business

12. Date and time of next meeting:- **Friday 25th November 2016 2-4pm**
Meeting closed 3:40pm.