



MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7th OCTOBER 2025

PRESENT: Richard Boyles, Jane Slack, Di Tebbutt, Ruth Gunn, Chris Gunn, Brenda Boyles, Tony Loft and Pat Stokes.

APOLOGIES: Maralyn McLennan, Sue Perkins.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, agreed and signed by RB as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: None.

EVALUATION OF SEPTEMBER'S MEETING: It was agreed that the meeting went well and the speaker was very interesting. As he does other talks RB will look into booking him again. RB reported that 76 members attended and there were 4 visitors. Current membership is 172.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR OCTOBER'S MEETING: Talk is called Mary's Meals which is a charity providing food internationally. It was agreed to give a £50 donation. PS to man Front Desk, JS and SP on refreshments, DT Christmas Lunch and new members (has membership forms and cards), BB on Raffle, RG, CG, TL and RB on renewals. No Book Table or Group signs this month. Trish Goldsack is organising Lunch Club (Venue TBA).

RENEWALS: TL suggested that there are 2 separate tables for renewals to cut down on queues. RB has produced a receipt if required for members paying renewals. RB will also produce slips with bank details for balance transfer for renewals and Christmas lunch. Renewal is £17. RG iZettle has now been renamed as Paypal on the screen.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: DT advised that 54 people had booked for the lunch at Kettering Golf Club, 37 have paid the deposit of £5. It was agreed to produce a slip with directions to the venue. Names can still be added at the November meeting and the balance will need to be paid. Square system to be used but balance transfer would be preferable. DT and CG to sort out prizes for the Raffle.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Same format as last year. Entrance by ticket only, costing £5 which will be sold at November's meeting. Entertainment from Singing and Strictly groups; also a table quiz which DT will produce.

REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN: RB has received voting form from Third Age Trust and has advised them of the new Chairman. BB has received the catering stuff from DT. RB will be attending next year's Heritage Fair at Wicksteed Park and is running an introductory meeting for Family History on Monday 13th October.

TREASURER: Main a /c. £5764.09; no 2 a/c £574.80. Renewals have been paid by Diane Sweeney, Colin Webb, Richard and Brenda Boyles, Tony Loft and Di Tebbutt. Asked about Windows 10, RB to send her a link for her to update Windows 10 on laptop she uses for u3a matters.

SECRETARY/GROUPS COORDINATOR: No report



VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: DT advised that the times for Singing and Strictly Groups are 10.30 until 12.00. RB to change details on website.

LEARN TO LIVE report was discussed and noted. It was felt that it did not contain any new information but confirmed the importance of keeping mentally and physically fit in later life.

AOB:

- CG advised that Pete Webb's address is wrong on membership list. Need to remind members to inform us of any changes of details as needed for claiming Gift Aid. RB will remind members at the next meeting and will forward list to all Group Leaders to ask them to check. Will also send an email to Gill Potts (Network Link) for advice.
- JS suggested starting a Coffee Morning group. DT to contact Penny Smith (Chair of Ise) to ask about their group which meets at the Stirrup Cup.
- The security of members' data in view of the recent hacking was discussed but it was felt that there was little chance of this happening. All Committee members, who have access to the membership data, have confirmed their computers are up to date and appropriate security software is installed.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 4th November 2025 at Jane's.

Meeting closed 11:35

Signed

Date