



MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4TH NOVEMBER 2025

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

APOLOGIES: Maralyn McLennan, Sue Perkins and Tony Loft.

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

MATTERS ARISING: DT has contacted Penny Smith (Chair of Ise) to ask about their Coffee Mornings at the Stirrup Cup. They are held every Thursday and are charged £2.45 for hot drinks. She will contact the Stirrup Cup to see if there are other days available.

EVALUATION OF OCTOBER'S MEETING: It was agreed that the meeting went well and the video was well received. Members donated £50 on the day and it was agreed to donate another £50. 88 members attended and there were 6 new members and a potential for another 4. Renewals went well.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER'S MEETING: Speaker is Graham Watts talking about Kibworth Harcourt Mill and costs £80. PS to man Front Desk, JS and SP on refreshments, DT Christmas Lunch and new members (new Membership and Gift Aid forms have been printed and will be stored upstairs and DT has cards), BB on Raffle, RG, CG, TL and RB on renewals, MM selling Christmas Party tickets, Malcolm, Les and Cyril on audiovisuals, possibly a table for books with an honesty box.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: DT advised that last year the Raffle prizes were chocolates and sweets. It was agreed to do the same this year. CG to buy prizes with a budget of £50. Prizes will be displayed on a table and members to choose a prize from the table. RG to sort out a tip of £50. Final Numbers and balance are needed by 20th November. JS to enquire if the venue needs to names of attendees as well as their choices of menu. DT to write a Christmas card for each attendee with their choices and raffle ticket.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: RB offered his and BB's apologies as they are unable to attend. BB advised that she will purchase the food, plates etc. and get prices from Sainsbury's and Morrison's for the buffet sandwiches and it was decided to buy fewer but better quality sandwiches this year. JS suggested that the desserts be kept separate from the savories and displayed when everyone has taken sandwiches. Last year people were taking desserts at the same time which left us short of desserts. People to be asked if they have any food allergies when they buy their tickets which are numbered and names taken. Vegan and gluten free food to be provided. DT has produced a Dingbats quiz for the party and will send a copy of the songs to RB so that they can be displayed on the screen. RG and CG to buy raffle prizes once we know how many people will be attending.



REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN: RB advised that the speaker for April has cancelled so has asked Duncan Spencer to step in to do a demonstration on first aid and using a defibrillator. PS has asked him to do one at the Bridge Club as well. Reported on the Network meeting that he and DT attended. DT reported that many of the members were dissatisfied by the response from TAT as many of the questions asked at the previous meeting had not been answered. RB attended the publicity group where some useful suggestions were made. Member from Thrapston u3a offered suggestion to survey members. RB has designed a survey which he will email to members to see their response. He has also contacted local MP but has had no response yet.

TREASURER: Main a /c. £7443.12; no 2 a/c £1394.80. RG advised that RB now has full access to the bank account and a debit card for both accounts have been issued in his name.

SECRETARY/GROUPS COORDINATOR: No report

VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: DT queried whether we should have a Group Leaders' meeting and it was agreed to hold one early next year. Also asked about sending Christmas cards to Group Leaders and BB agreed to take on the task.

DT asked RB to announce at the meeting that there are vacancies in Play Reading and Card Playing groups.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at Jane's starting at 10.00 instead of 10.30.

Meeting closed 11:20

Signed Chairman Richard Boyles

Date