



**SANDBACH AND DISTRICT U3A**  
**U3A Committee Meeting 18/2/19**

<b>1</b>	<p><b>PRESENT</b> Arnie Laing, , Alan Casey, Sam Boardman, Paula Reilly-Cooper Barrie Hacking, Tony Richards, Don Rickards, Kevin Dean, Pam Thomas, Alice Holmes , Richard Thorne .</p> <p><b>APOLOGIES</b> Isabel Carrahar, Sandy Boyle, John Roome.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>MINUTES</b> of 21/1/19 were accepted as a correct record and signed. They will be posted on the library noticeboard and the website.</p>	Pam, Alan
<b>3</b>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING</b> Some action has been taken in an attempt to reduce waiting lists.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b> The Treasurer sent a letter of resignation to the U3A Committee which was accepted with regret.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b> A new expenses claim form was approved and this will be placed on the website.</p> <p>The signing of cheques and paying of invoices has been assigned to someone until May 1<sup>st</sup> by which time it is hoped that a new Treasurer will be appointed. In the meantime assistance is to be sought from a former Treasurer to maintain the various spreadsheets and links to SWISH.</p> <p>An advert for the role of Treasurer is to be placed with CVS and in the Diary Updates.</p>	Alan     Arnie, Kevin
<b>6</b>	<p><b>MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <p>There have been 39 new members since the end of December and the next New Members Morning has been arranged at the Wheatsheaf on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am.</p> <p>Membership renewal information will be sent out by email on 1<sup>st</sup> May and 250 letters have been printed to be distributed to those members without email addresses.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<p><b>PROGRAMMES AND VENUES</b></p> <p>An attempt is being made to obtain a full list of up to date costs of the various venues so that eventually a shared spreadsheet would be available.</p> <p>Don has requested a volunteer to help him at the beginning of the new U3A year when a large number of bookings will need to be made.</p>	Don   Sandy

8	<p><b>GROUP CO-ORDINATOR</b></p> <p>(a) <b>Circus Skills</b> - 13 members are currently attending the 5 week course  (b) <b>Petanque</b> – new venue at Crewe Bowling Club (Stanhope Avenue)  (c) <b>A Good Read 2</b> – Geoff Pyke proposed from September 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday pm  (d) <b>Classical Music Visits</b> – “new” group set up on SWISH to communicate with those who expressed an interest.  (e) <b>Change of venues requests</b> – Patchwork/Quilting from Library to Winterley Hall allowing Geology (potentially) to move from September to Sandbach Library.  (f) <b>Pilates 1 &amp; 2</b> – an alternative venue with greater capacity at Sandbach Rugby Club is being considered in an attempt to reduce the waiting lists.</p>	
9	<p><b>SWISH</b></p> <p>An analysis of how Group Leaders had set their waiting lists revealed that 8 groups showed up as being “Completely Full” when members tried to join those groups since GLs had set the maximum waiting list size as zero. Consequently these 8 GLs are to be contacted in order to set a sensible (non-zero value) to their “Max Waiting List Size”.</p> <p>Some groups may have set their waiting lists too high if there is no real chance that those on the waiting lists will ever be able to join the group.</p> <p>A future agenda item will review “Waiting Lists” in general.</p>	Paula
10	<p><b>MEMBERS’ MEETINGS</b></p> <p>A new speaker, Isabel Carrahar, has been arranged for April 2019 . She is making a film about Portland.</p>	
11	<p><b>DIARY UPDATES</b></p> <p>Expressions of interest will be invited for the office of Treasurer.</p> <p>New social events, the new venue for Petanque, a possible First Aid Course in April or May and the new group from September “A Good Read 2” will be publicized.</p> <p>Members will be informed that a new version of the Expenses Claim Form will be placed on the website.</p>	Kevin
12	<p><b>SOCIAL EVENTS</b></p> <p>New trips on the social calendar are</p> <p>July 4<sup>th</sup> Llangollen Barge and Steam Train</p> <p>August 15<sup>th</sup> Southport Flower Show</p> <p>September 13<sup>th</sup> Ludlow Food Festival</p> <p>November 26<sup>th</sup> Liverpool &amp; Cathedrals</p>	

13	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>(a) <b>First Aid Course</b> – provided there is enough interest from U3A members, Christine Dannel will provide a First Aid Course at Bradwall Village Hall in April or May.</p> <p>(b) The U3A Choir is planning a Summer Concert June 2019. Further details about venue, programme etc are to be sought .</p> <p>(c) Ann Banks, Town Hall clerk, is to be approached about changing their invoices to give individual costs for U3A activities.</p>	<p>Arnie</p> <p>Arnie</p>
14	<b>Next meeting</b> - Monday March 18 <sup>th</sup> 9.30 CVS Hope Street	

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