



**SANDBACH AND DISTRICT U3A**  
**U3A Committee Planning Meeting 20/1/20**

<b>1</b>	<p><b>PRESENT</b> Stuart Naylor, Sandy Boyle, Kevin Dean, John Banyard, Paula Reilly-Cooper, Sam Boardman, Alan Casey, Alice Holmes, Don Rickards,</p> <p><b>APOLOGIES</b> Arnie Laing, Pam Thomas, Barrie Hacking</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>MINUTES</b> of 16/12/19 were accepted as a correct record and signed. They will be posted on the library noticeboard and the website.</p>	Sam, Alan
<b>3</b>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING</b> All points have been actioned.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b> Communication with NatWest regarding the change of signatories is ongoing. The committee agreed to add Stuart Naylor as a further signatory.</p> <p>A summary of the treasurer's current team has been circulated but this will be modified when the new signatory has been added.</p> <p><b>Purchase of Table Tennis Equipment:</b> At least one of the existing table tennis tables needs replacing. After consulting the U3A Table Tennis Adviser about the best type of equipment to purchase, a request was made for two tables, nets and balls as part of a half price package costing £816 and the committee approved the purchase.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT</b> Barrie, Arnie, Alice, Paula, Stuart &amp; Pam will attend the new members morning on 27<sup>th</sup> January. Of the 86 new members invited only 22 have indicated that they will attend.</p> <p>The graphs were seen to be helpful in showing that there was a much slower rate of members renewing their membership than in the previous two years.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>PROGRAMMES AND VENUES</b> The Town Hall has requested that we make our bookings for next year and so Don has booked the Monday mornings required up until December 2020.</p> <p><b>Group Leaders Lunch</b> 126 invitations were sent out; 105 responded with 74 acceptances. It was decided that Arnie would express our appreciation to the GLs but that there was no need for further SWISH training this year. Alice has negotiated a price of £16.75 per head plus no more than 12 bottles of wine.</p> <p><b>National U3A Day June 3<sup>rd</sup></b> As suggested by the NWREC, it was decided that a small scale event incorporating a coffee morning at St Mary's Hall with a few stalls indicating the scope of the Sandbach U3A activities would be best for this inaugural event. Posters on the Cobbles could direct the public to the event. The booking for St Mary's Hall will be amended from a full day to 10.30am till 12.30pm.</p>	

7	<p><b>GROUP CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>New Groups</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Walking Cricket</b> has 18 members with average attendance of 8 so far, even in bad weather; however numbers should improve and there is no venue cost.</li> <li>• <b>Travel Group</b> format will be 45min talk (first talk on Croatia 2pm Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb) with 10-15 min Q&amp;A followed by tea and coffee and continuing after the break with a discussion on future presentations etc</li> </ul> <p><b>Bowls 4</b> is still functioning with a few new members recruited.</p> <p><b>South Cheshire Market Towns Trail</b> –Walking groups are to be reminded about helping with task of way marking. Only one group has responded so far.</p>	Paula
8	<p><b>SWISH</b></p> <p>The Social Events system is now live and Alan has prepared a statement to go out in the Diary Updates.</p> <p>Although the SWISH system has an https:// address it was noted that the Sandbach U3A website does not, and some members have seen a message with a warning that the “site is not secure”. Kevin will contact our ISP in order to see if this more secure web address can be attached to the website.</p>	
9	<p><b>MEMBERS MEETINGS</b></p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> February “Stone Island” by Isabel Carrahar in the Town Hall</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> March Showcase Event at St Mary’s Hall</p>	
10	<p><b>DIARY UPDATES &amp; NEWSLETTER</b></p> <p>Details of the new Social Event booking system on SWISH also allowing on-line payments. Forthcoming trips.</p> <p>Reminder about the first meeting of the new Travel Group.</p>	Kevin
11	<p><b>SOCIAL EVENTS</b></p> <p>Details of trips to Boundary Mill, York, a cruise on the Manchester Ship Canal and the Llangollen Steam Train and Barge excursion are on the website and posters are on the notice board in the library.</p> <p>New trips include Bury Market and the Flying Scotsman on 26<sup>th</sup> September and the combined visit to Lion Salt Works and the Anderton Boat Lift on 26<sup>th</sup> June.</p>	Alice
12	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Communication from NWREC indicated that the per capita charge to the Third Age Trust may be increasing to £5 pp next year and this might have a bearing on setting our membership fee for next year.</p> <p>A future meeting agenda item may consider how much of the venue cost information should be shared by the group leaders and the findings of the subcommittee considering fees might have a bearing on this.</p> <p>The names of those on library duty will be sent out with the agenda for future committee planning meeting as happened this month, so the secretary will need an up to date rota.</p>	
<p>The meeting closed at 11.05am      <b>Next meeting</b> - Monday February 17th    9.30am Sandbach Enterprise Centre</p>		

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