



Membership Number 822/802/10

**RETFORD u3a COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday 4 March 2025 at 2.00 p.m**  
**At Hallcroft Community Centre**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Pippa Ramsay (Chair), Pat Lockett (Membership Secretary and Vice-Chair), Caroline Marsh and Carol Knowles (Group Co-ordinators), Patrica Everitt (Treasurer), Rosemary Goodwin (Deputy Treasurer), Pamela Mann (Secretary), Ruth Edwards (Invited guest)

**Apologies: None**

**1. Minutes of previous meeting**

These were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

**2. Matters Arising**

**3. Website**

Bryan Gladstone will update the Social page and Events page.  
The Website needs to be regularly reviewed and updated.

**4. General Meeting**

138 members plus one visitor attended the last general meeting to hear Rod Auton's excellent talk on the Chesterfield Canal, past, present and future.  
If possible, it might be better to move the reserved seating for New Members to nearer the Signing In table to make it easier for the Meeters and Greeters to direct people there.  
At the next meeting, Roger Browne, raconteur and musician will give a talk entitled "Not Father O'Malley" an account of growing up in a Catholic family.

**5. Speaker Finder Report**

Speakers booked and confirmed:

April – The AGM will be followed by "Desert Island Discs" with Pat Lockett interviewing Pippa Ramsay.

May – James Ince, local astronomer.

June – Adrian Gray, talking about the top 10 scandals of Sherwood Forest.

July – Andy Massey, the artist who has created several local murals.

August – Sam Millard will give us a history mystery, "Where have I heard this story before?"

November – Maureen Taylor in the guise of Bess of Hardwick, will talk about the Tudor period.

October - Milton Mausoleum to be approached

#### **6. Treasurer's report (See attached)**

The main account and petty cash are up due to Membership subs coming in.

2 and 3 accounts stand at £8000.

Rosemary is investigating the use of card readers which are used in other groups.

40 members have already signed up to the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event at the West Retford Hotel.

Bassetlaw District Council are increasing the fee for the committee room at Hallcroft to £8.50 per hour.

#### **7. Interest Groups**

The Patchwork Group was missed off the publicity bookmarks. Caroline apologised for the oversight and promised to put the group on the next printing of bookmarks.

Who will help groups set up after Carol and Caroline step down as Group Co-ordinators?

The Treasurer could offer financial advice and send the group leader's pack out. Otherwise it will fall to Pippa as chair and Pat as vice-chair to deal with this.

#### **8a. Notts Network**

Notts Network have sent out details of a workshop suitable for existing or potential group co-ordinators, as well as certain group leaders. This will be displayed on the notice board at the next general meeting.

#### **8b. North Notts Neighbourhood group**

They will try not to duplicate workshops that the Notts Network is doing.

#### **9. Newsletter**

The next Not so Idle Times will be coming out on the 19<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **10. Publicity**

Members of the Committee went to meet Councillors for a photo shoot of them receiving the cheque, but no Councillor turned up so the photograph was taken of them holding a large cheque in front of the Town Hall.

Pat Lockett had received no response from the NHS to the information she had sent them by e-mail.

The facebook page for Retford u3a should be publicised at general meetings.

#### **11. Communications**

No items for discussion.

**12. Membership update**

Total membership stood at 568. Full members 513. Honorary members 22. Associates 33. 14 had reported back they would not be renewing.

**13. Events**

15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in June. Would the Swing Band require refreshments? Brenda Wilson should know. Any prizes should be self-financing. 2 for best buttonhole and hat and 3 for raffle prizes. A separate raffle ticket will be given to members on arrival for strawberries and Pimms. There will need to be a check on the door as to who has paid.

**14. Any Other Business**

Pam gave to Carol and Ruth the details of the secretary’s duties, suggesting how they might be divided up between them. Carol and Ruth are sorting out with Andrew Young the changes of e-mail addresses and passwords for after the AGM.

**15. Date of Next Meeting**

1<sup>st</sup> April, 2025 at 2.00 p.m.

Signed by the Chair

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