

Minutes – u3a Farnham committee meeting Dec 15th 2025

1	Apologies: Andrew and Lynda Observers: Val Atkinson (Groups), Cynthia Barnett (Membership)	
2	Previous Minutes Matters arising not covered elsewhere: Disaster Recovery – meeting still to be arranged Ad Hoc talks – All members email to be delayed until after Christmas Maltings gifts – To be sorted this week	Sally Sally/Lynda Sally
3	Sound issues – 3 separate issues Sound for music clubs such as Jazz club as The Barley Room speakers are optimised for speech rather than music. We are happy to pay for stands for speakers but not speakers themselves. In South West Kiln and Courtyard Kiln a microphone to text system is being trialled as part of the AI group. An alternative to the above for those that struggle to hear would be to put a microphone and speakers in these rooms, but this has not progressed very much. It would be helpful for Clive to write instructions for users that need to use sound through a computer as this is technically difficult and requires extra equipment.	Sally to communicate with Clive
4	AI Group feedback The AI group had their first meeting. Philip shared some information with us as he has been using AI to improve his productivity, such as writing the newsletter: Padlet is being used to share ideas about AI within the AI community. The address of the Padlet being used will be shared with the committee. It would be helpful for members to have access to examples of AI when there is material that is relevant to share.	Philip AI subcommittee
5	Additional Member benefits proposal – The proposal was agreed. It will be progressed.	Steve
6	Lapsed members – Emails were sent to all members whose membership had lapsed this year. Some people thought that group leaders could chase lapsed members, but others thought that this was overkill. It was asked if the lapsed members can be resigned and this would be agreed. The impact of this on the Beacon record was not clear. Margaret is attending a Beacon Training course about lapsed member at the end of January and will bring a proposal to the next meeting, including advice to Group Leaders.	Margaret
7	Social quiz proposal – It was agreed that food can be provided at the Feb quiz and a social quiz in the summer.	
8	Upcoming events	

	Monthly / Theme meeting – helpers are in place for the next few meetings. Christmas Event Very well attended. 3 apologies and 9 no shows. Best show yet, although rehearsing with microphones would help the event seem more professional. £495 was raised from this event, although expenses will need to be removed from this.	
9	AOB Notice board is to be updated. Committee contacts information needs updating Email issues seem to be continuing and some attendees at the Cuppa and Chat were complaining that they were not getting responses to their emails. Annette explained the concept of pawning, which, if this is happening to email addresses that people use then extra security is put in by the email system. We could add a banner to the website to let people know who to contact. Groups status on website that says there are vacancies is confusing. Could this be removed and people can contact group leaders.	Steve/Lynda Sally Annette Annette



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