

Minutes – u3a Farnham committee meeting Jan 19th 2026

1	Apologies: Shree, Lynda, Annette, Steve	
2	Previous Minutes Matters arising not covered elsewhere: Ad Hoc talks – Sally and Lynda are in process of sending out an all members email to garner interest re talks around Estate Planning and the work of Celebrants. Andrew shared that there is a possibility of a talk from an ex-archivist for the Imperial War Museum. This seems of interest, but room availability may be an issue. It was suggested that this may be of interest as a Monthly Meeting, especially in November.	Sally and Lynda Andrew
3	Disaster Recovery meeting and availability of rooms Shared the date of 9th Feb from 12-2 and asked that if people are unable to make the meeting but have a contribution to make it would be appreciated if they could provide this in writing to the Secretary. Alongside the current committee it was suggested that Cynthia, Val and Alan Freeland (Hybrid) be invited to attend in order to share their experience of continuing to run Farnham u3a during a pandemic.	Sally
4	Farnham Carnival Attendance There was some support for continuing to be involved in the Farnham Carnival as a way of keeping visibility of Farnham u3a in the local community, however, if we don't participate there are still opportunities to use other events such as Music in the Meadow, local fetes and other local events, which may fit our target audience better. If we can find someone to take over the running of The Carnival then there was general support for us to continue to take part.	Steve and Lynda
5	Emergency Contact Details Margaret would like to make some changes to the Update Contact Details Page on the website and would also like to make some changes to Beacon. She was informed that the best way to proceed is to email websupport@farnhamu3a.org.uk rather than speaking with an individual member of the web support team. Margaret would like a face-to-face meeting, and it was suggested that she ask Annette who is the best person to meet with. It was explained that whilst we can make changes to our website easily, we have much less control over Beacon and changes to this happen less regularly. Some group leaders seem to be less keen to access the emergency contact details so it was suggested that the importance of this could be raised at the Group Leaders Meeting	Margaret Andrew

6	Upcoming events Monthly / Theme meeting – Support was sought for the March meetings from Andrew 23rd March, Philip 20th March The Theme team would like to extend the theme to “The Extraordinary” for 2026-27 New Members Meeting Monday 9th March at 2pm 97 new members since 1st September, however some of these will have attended the first New Members Meeting in September. Jane to create a poster to go at the bottom of the stairs Philip to print organograms and questionnaires Andrew to find 2 group leaders to speak Surveys not to be put on tables but redrafted and to be completed on tables by table leader. Philip to cover Social Scene Sally to cover wider u3a and member benefits Steve to produce updated member benefits handouts Margaret to do a new section to explain the importance of members owning their data. This will go before the Groups section. Vim to organise tea and coffee. Group Leaders Meeting Friday 20th March at 2pm Andrew and Val to meet this week and Andrew to report back next meeting.	See names in text
7	Half Yearly Accounts were shared with the committee	
8	AOB Exercise group – A discussion was held about who is responsible for ensuring that participants are fit enough to undertake exercise in some of our groups and classes. We were unsure if Farnham u3a has any responsibility for this or if it is a responsibility of a paid tutor, or group leader, or the participant themselves. Rambling and cycling groups have a head and tail person who is supposed to ensure that no one is left behind. It is not known if all group leaders/contacts are able to access details of next of kin in the event of an emergency or accident. Do we need to provide guidance, above what is included in the external visits guidelines. Is there a national lead for Cycling groups that could provide a lead? Also a South East Region Safeguarding lead. The Maltings are saying that we have gone over 90 groups so will want to charge us for the new Tai Chi 6 group. It was agreed that we would pay for an extra room if necessary.	Philip to investigate Andrew

	We also only have 1 hour of meeting rooms left to use before we need to pay to use extra meeting rooms. A group leader that runs exercise classes, but does not charge for the exercise classes as they are a u3a member, has asked if he can be reimbursed with his car parking expenses. It was agreed that in this case it would be allowed. Could next year's dates be circulated to the committee Food during quizzes was discussed and it was felt that this should be served in the same room as the Quiz.	Andrew Annette Jane
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