

SOAR VALLEY u3a
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 26th May 2026
2.00pm at Normanton on Soar Village Hall

Chair's Report (Ian Lloyd): Ian welcomed everyone to the meeting and enquired if any new members were present, going on to welcome them to the Soar Valley u3a. He pointed out fire escapes with fire wardens being Chris Bowerman and Sue Miles. Following a request from members to create an on-line membership application form, Ian was happy to report that by the end of that week, it should be ready and live on the website.

Secretary's Report (Mike Sharpe): Mike gave the meeting information on copyright issues concerning photographs, music, audio visual, etc. which have been discussed at length by the committee. The reason it has been brought to our attention is that a number of u3as have been fined for breaching copyright, due to companies being set up to look for material being used that does not comply. The u3a have put out a comprehensive video giving an in-depth review of what they provide and what we should and should not do. Mike is happy to forward the link to anyone who wishes to view it. The Third Age Trust provides a music licence as standard, covering music that we play in venues and they provide a motion picture licence for audio visual. We buy a CLA licence covering photocopying of material.

Treasurer's Report (Gill Howdle): Current balance approximately £8200, with a significant amount of that for trips.

Membership: Currently 380.

Group Co-ordinator's Report (Paul Fileman): The History Group was visiting Stoke the following day with two places still available. Anyone interested see Maggie Ingram. Two volunteers were still needed to man the stand at the Sutton Bonington Show from 1-2pm. New groups meeting are Spanish, Play Reading, Historical Heritage and How to Buy and Sell Online. A full list of groups was on the board.

Social Committee (Sue Luczka): Sue reported that the hog roast on 22nd July was going ahead with a ticket price of £12.00. A list was on the table for member to sign up/pay.

Outings Team (Alison Lloyd): Following the January meeting a visit was arranged to Canine Partners at Osgathorpe with 34 booked. Tuesday 21st July - Melton Mowbray visit has been cancelled with only 2 members booked; Wednesday 26th August - International Bomber Command, Lincoln – 24 booked, 40 needed to break even; Sunday 27th September - Rockingham castle – 34 booked, 40 needed to break even.

Brian Hinnners then introduced our speaker for the afternoon, Lt. Col. Tim Clarke from the DMRC (Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre).

Questions and refreshments followed.