

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at Oaklands, Harley on 4th August 2025

Present: Jane Hague, Neil Lloyd, Jean Buswell, David Foster, Alison Richards (chair), Linda Davies, Glynn Emery, Ian Cohen, Jo Cohen, Bill Hague, Michael Theobalds.

- 1 **Chairman's Introduction/Apologies for Absence** Action
The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Jean for hosting, and Michael for the minutes.
Apologies were received from: Christina Gore
- 2 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**
The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.
- 3 **Matters Arising**
Contact person for the third History Group is Paul Seedhouse to be added to the website. NL
- 4 **Membership Report**
 - 4.I Lists of members still to pay were compared and updated. Approximately 12 are still outstanding. MT
Several new members from January were marked by Beacon as lapsing. Glynn to Record a £0 transaction so that their renewal date is amended to 1st May 2026. GE
The following need checking: The Bickleys have paid twice. GE
Robert Elliott and Stella Entwistle payments need checking.
 - 4.II It was important that the membership database is correct so that in September the Membership Year can be changed on Beacon from the current 1st May 2026 to 1st February 2026.
There will be a Membership audit in September to ensure the data kept is correct.
- 5 **Finance**
Treasurer reported that all the big bills have been paid. We are about £170 down on membership income compared with last year, but a few members still need to be chased which should reduce this figure. JB
The Barclay's Bank change of signatories is now complete.
Jo asked whether speakers can be paid by BACS. Jean will enquire of them when she sends her reminder email the previous month.
- 6 **Groups** AR
History : All details are now on the website.
Bridge: Alison to contact Carol Fenwick regarding the new group. JC
Linda has a space for 1 intermediate person in her group.
Italian 1 : This group has now gone and can be removed from website and Beacon, and Andy Jackson removed as leader on Beacon. JC
Creative Writing 2 : Jo to change the leader of this group to Annette Dickinson-

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7.I **Communications and website**

Broseley Quarterly publication in September will have the second generation AR
advert for the u3a and an editorial.

7.II

Alison will write to Broseley members after the BQ magazine is out. She will ask if someone can put up posters for the u3a in Broseley each month.

7.III

A promotional event 20th September, 10.30am to 12.30pm. Jean has booked the square and a table. The guitar and ukulele groups can play, The Art group and AR, JB
Writing group have responded positively.

7.IV

Jean to ask if under the Corn Exchange is available in case of bad weather. Alison
to decide the procedure for cancelling .

7.IV

Email and advert for November to include a “bring a friend for no payment” ,to
the November talk by Max Keen.

Website stats The viewing trend has dropped slightly over the summer. In July
there were more visits to Craft and Chat, and Out with Friends. Other groups
much the same as before.

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Review of July Meeting

The talk about Ghostwriting was thought to have been very good. The audience
was very involved. There were 49 attendees.

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Speakers for 2026

The speakers are all booked now, providing a wide range of topics and the return
of some popular speakers. A big thank you to Jean for all her work in organising
these.

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Date of Next Meeting

1st September, 10 am, at Oaklands, Harley.

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Any Other Business

Neil requests that everyone has a look at the new Policy Book on the Admin Page
of the website, as it should be formally accepted at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.45 am