

SYNOPSIS OF COORDINATORS' SPRING MEETING, 14 MARCH 2011

(93 Group Coordinators or their representatives attended)

1 Insurance

1. Coordinators were asked to ensure members of their group were SU3A members because if a non-SU3A member attends more than twice this invalidates SU3A's insurance for that group at that time.
2. The position on insurance of mixed member clubs, eg Table Tennis, was being investigated.

2 Matters raised by Coordinators

Transport. Some members had held up coaches departure times. SU3A members should strive to be punctual for pickups and help co-travellers.

3 Literature Network

Peter Barclay had taken over from Rita Brent. The April event was fully booked but more helpers were required for future events.

4 Book of Remembrance

Vera Dyer brought this book to the meeting's attention and asked Coordinators to inform her of the death of a member of their group if they wished them to be remembered. The name, group and date of death would be included in a Book of Remembrance, which would be on display yearly at each AGM.

5 Whirlowbrook Garden

Shelagh Woolliscroft reported that £800 had already been raised for the Whirlowbrook 'memorial garden' project and that donations could be Gift Aided. Plants had already been bought for the first two sections and planting would take place in the current month. She asked Coordinators to encourage their group members to consider making a donation.

6 Websites, emailing and new-fangled things

Jim Walker explained that email would be used to contact Coordinators, where possible. He encouraged Coordinators therefore to use their email. He also encouraged more use of the SU3A website, both for giving and getting information.

7 Support funds

Support funds are available as "start up costs" for new groups or "ongoing support costs" if established groups found they needed equipment. Applications should be reasonable and any such requests were to be sent to Jim Walker.

8 Jubilee Year

1. Coaches for Wortley Hall. Demand was higher than anticipated. Coordinators should encourage members to make an application as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. There are only sufficient funds to pay for 5 coaches.
2. Tickets for Wortley Hall. Could members attend and take sandwiches? It was re-stated that entrance to the event was by ticket only and there could be no exceptions.

9 Any Other Business

1. MicroSoftPowerPoint. Roy Pilkington asked if anyone was interested in getting together to improve their PowerPoint skills. 22 Coordinators were interested and Susan Deale and John Cooper offered to help. Roy could be contacted on email at pilkington@talktalk.net
2. LINKS Centre Pages. John Williams, Editor, informed the meeting that the Executive Committee had decided to publish the full centre pages list of Groups and contact details, only TWICE per year, in April and October. Update notes of changes would still be included in intervening issues. The decision would make a big saving on print/paper costs. The most up to date information was always available on the SU3A website.