

**Pocklington & District u3a
Minutes of committee meeting**

Tuesday 17th June 2025
Pocklington Rugby Club

Present:

Christina Burn, Simon Eggleston (Chair), Moira Laverack (President), Neil Barrett, Polly Fothergill, Pauline Slater, Margaret Stubbs, Ralph Voke.

Apologies: David Hebden, Gerry Hutchinson, Rosemarie Kennedy, Michael May, Les Smith, Rosemary Waugh.

Minutes of previous meeting 20th May approved.

Matters arising: MS requested that in future either the Chair makes a decision, or committee votes, on every matter so that decisions are always clear. Agreed.

Chair's report:

U3a events: SE suggested more events to involve members e.g. games events outdoors , or indoors in winter.

Next members event: Wednesday 9th July, 10am, Petanque on the new court. Hedi Talbi, leader of Petanque group, has confirmed this date. MS to send SE contact details to arrange borrowing equipment. Event to be promoted at 3rd July Drop-in, and in Newsletter.

Pockdown Festival Saturday 26th July: SE proposed that we take part, as previously, to promote our u3a and to show support for the Pockdown event. Details to be worked out at next committee meeting on 15th July. In the meantime PS will contact JS to see if he has any Pock u3a A5 flyers left. If not to request a re-printing.

Drop-ins: the need to increase attendance/improved appeal - this was agreed by all as long as it does not dominate the morning or prevent valuable social mingling, notices, etc.

PF suggested we might have a 'focus', maybe 11am for 30 minutes, e.g. a speaker, an exhibition or performance from a group, a quiz hosted by Quiz group.

PS suggested we have a 'games table' with sets of chess, Scrabble, backgammon, etc, available for members to play during the drop-in.

SE and NB may be persuaded to give a short talk. PS suggested one 30 minute talk, or three 10 minute presentations by groups.

Pock Repair Shop was suggested as a possible speaker topic. ML queried whether a speaker who promotes another charity is acceptable. SE to establish whether this is allowed under u3a constitutional rules.

Action: ideas for speakers/activities for Drop-ins, beginning with September Drop-in session. SE to email all group leaders to encourage at least one member of their group to attend Drop-in sessions, possibly to make a tabletop display as used to happen.

Pock u3a AGM: Suffering in a similar way to Drop-ins. Agreed we need to increase attendance/enhance appeal. ML suggested we gradually build up interest by mentioning the AGM in each Members' Newsletter email from January 2026.

Treasurer's report: no report this month as DH on holiday and last month's report was very detailed.

Membership Secretary's update: CB reported that we currently have 698 members. This year's New Members' Meeting will be 9th July, and RV will invite them by email to join the Petanque session planned for that day.

Groups: The two Family History groups will merge after the leader of the smaller group has moved away from Pock. MS reported that there will be a second Petanque group this week.

Secretary's Report: RK sent the report by email with the agenda for today's meeting. It has been read and noted by all.

AOB: SE has been asked if someone could take the tea and coffee cups from Burnby Hall home to give them a good hot wash in a dishwasher. PS and NB volunteered.

Items requested be included in the agenda for discussion next meeting:

1. Games afternoon by MS.
2. Midwinter Music event by PF.
3. Display by Photography group at Drop-in by NB.
4. Focus for September Drop-in.

Date of next committee meeting: Tuesday 15th July 10am, Rugby Club, Burnby Lane.

P.F. 18th June 2025