

OUSA Sheffield Branch, Tuesday 28 April 2009

Ruskin's Tudor Square Sheffield

Minutes of Meeting, including the face to face meeting at 8 pm on 28 April, and on line items from OUSA Regional Forum for Sheffield as at 5th May 2009.

Present:-

Cat Marshall Chair

Nick Dibben Secretary

On Forum:-

Kathleen Eades, Trixie Hunter, Julia Patrick, Joanne Shaw, David Cox

1 Apologies:-

Helen Griffiths Robert Murray Treasurer, David Cox

2 Minutes of last meeting 27 January 2009

Accepted

3 Matters Arising:-

None outstanding.

4 Newsletter

Carried forward, as Newsletter though sent to HQ has not appeared and Helen had to give her apologies for this meeting so cannot further report on the situation. See forum for comments on this.

5 Report back from Conference

Difficult for new comers to get involved. No easy facilities to make contact with people. Good idea to attend and expect to get more out of it next year (Nottingham in April).

6 Social meetings for 2009

Agreed to try Wednesday afternoon meetings for those unable to attend in evenings, Cat to pick a date after the June exams.

Agreed to try and find speakers who visit Sheffield or live here/near eg Ian McMillan, Roger McGough, Brian Blessed, as part of an event.

Perhaps book a group to attend Art in Gardens at Botanical in September.

The new children's literature course starts in July, perhaps link to a locally based children's author.

7 OU Open day 27 June visit to Walton Hall

Yorkshire Region did propose at conference a Yorkshire visit to Walton Hall. Malcolm and Betty (Doncaster & Region) might organise a party. If you wish to come please contact Cat.

8 Regional Meeting Leeds 13 June 2009 - brief and attendees

We can have 4 attendees so any one interested please contact Cat (who is going)

9 Honorary members

We can have 5 honorary members. Cat is proposing Helen Cockerill as one, any one who can suggest other (eg ex OU students on a 'sabbatical')

10 AOB

On forum

- posting about the difficulty of navigating OU Forums with the '2 server' issue - some postings are visible, some not, depending on which server you are connected to, and,
- the 'closed' regional forum, why it is closed, and how to get it open.

11 Dates of Next meeting:-

Social - Note proposal for Wednesday afternoon.

26 May (day after B Hol), 30 Jun, 28 Jul, 25 Aug, 29 Sep, 27 Oct, 24 Nov, AGM possibly 8 Dec, all at Ruskins at 8 pm

Business - suggested Wednesday 23 September at 2 pm location to be agreed.

Summary of Actions required:-

- Newsletter - extracting this from HQ - Helen
- Wednesday afternoon meeting for Branch - Cat organising, all to suggest preferred day.
- Social events - can anyone suggest speakers they know would wish to come?
- Open day at Walton Hall - Yorkshire visit - contact Cat
- Regional Forum 13 June - contact Cat if you wish to attend
- Honorary members - suggestions to Cat
- Clarification on Servers 1 and 2
- Regional Forum - how use it?