

**EMS VALLEY U3A - COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2025 - MOUNTFORD 3 E.C.C.**

Those present:

Tim Mathews (Chairman), Rod Lipscombe (Vice Chairman),
Dbee Robinson (Business Secretary), Andrea Brokenshire,
Les Brokenshire (Groups Co-ordinator),
Sue Kent (Membership Secretary), Karen Rodger (Beacon Co-ordinator)
Liz Rosoman (Minutes Secretary)

1. **Apologies:** Hilary Street, Liz Iddon.
2. **Minutes and Matters arising:** The minutes had been read and were agreed.
3. **Business Secretary's Report:**

SUCCESSION PLANNING

There was a discussion regarding this and it became clear that there is an urgent need for new committee members due to several of the present committee stepping down at the AGM in May 2026.

It was agreed that Tim will email members to flag this up and Les will email group leaders 2 weeks following Tim's email with a request to identify any likely/possible new committee members in their groups. It was suggested that visits be made to the groups to raise awareness and try to recruit new committee members.

Rod will email Alan Borrow with a statement to be included in the monthly newsletter stating this critical need to find new committee members with the possibility of stating a countdown of positions filled in future newsletters.

Sue suggested that the committee stand on the stage at the monthly members meeting and that the committee members stepping down leave the stage to give a visual impact of the urgent need for new volunteers. It was agreed that this will happen at the November members meeting being held on 27th November before the speaker starts.

4. **Treasurer's Report** – Hilary is away.
5. **Membership Report:**

There are currently 516 members.

There were approximately 85 members at the July meeting.

6. **Groups Report:**

The Creative Arts group has closed. Karen to remove group from Beacon. Tim to remove group from website.

Les to issue procedure for groups closing – Dbee to email Les document titles.

7. **Website:**

It was suggested that the homepage be given a refresh with a new photograph each month. The photography group will be asked to supply new photographs for this.

8. **BEACON:**

Karen had forwarded email re: training dates, Tim and Dbee are booked. Karen will send email re: membership secretary training to Andrea.

9. **Monthly Meeting:**

All speaker slots are booked for 2026.

Last Meeting – Madeleine Salvetti had fairly mixed reactions but generally good.

Next Meeting – Neil Sadler, Come Fly with Me

Tea – Craft Group

After Tea – Paul Clutterbuck local author

10. **AOB**

A. Kitchen Hygiene

EBC have offered 2 courses. Tim to follow up with email, Dbee to send email addresses to Tim. Tim to contact Becky at EBC ASAP. Tim to contact Jackie and Veda as possible candidates.

B. Christmas lunch

Email sent and confirmation received from Hayley at Chi College

Full details now available.

Date - Thursday 4th Dec 2025

Time - 11:45 for a 12 noon serving

Seating - 90 people

Cost - £35 including welcome drink

Members to send full amount by 13th October

(Any members unable to attend will be reimbursed minus their deposit)

Deposit to be paid to Chi college by 20th October (£15 pp)

Action - Dbee to email members with details. (send to committee to check prior to sending)

Also to send email to Alan Borrow for newsletter

C. 20 years EmsValley celebration – date to be Friday 3rd July 2026. Sub committee set up: Tim, Rod, Andrea and Sue. First aider requirement to be discussed at sub committee.

D. Sue agreed to bring milk and biscuits for September members meeting as Andrea is away.

Meeting closed at 11.05 am.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 21st October 2025 (every 3rd Tuesday)