



Minutes of Hunstanton u3a Members Meeting Monday 20th July 2026

Vice Chair Angela Blenkinsop welcomed 70 members to include 4 of whom are members of another u3a and 3 visitors. She informed the room that 2 committee members will be standing down in the autumn and we seek a Vice Chair, hopefully in preparation to taking over as Chair and a Groups co-ordinator. In both cases there will be generous support from the existing officers.

Secretary Virginia Young reported on an exceptional email circulated to members a few days ago. Haxby & Wiggington u3a submitted a proposal for the AGM: This AGM calls on the Third Age Trust Board to conduct, within six months, a formal consultation with u3as on Trust involvement in advocacy, campaigning and public policy outside the promotion of lifelong learning, education and support for member u3as. Amendments were invited but personal circumstances caused Virginia to overlook this in time.

There is no Treasurer's report this month. However the committee can assure members that our finances are healthy.

My Amazing journey to Antartica

David Pinion's vivid account of his 33-day trip to the other side of the globe lived up to expectations promised in the title. First we began to appreciate, through clever comparison maps and illustrations, the immensity of the region. Next we learned how the potentially dangerous weather could, and did, alter the itinerary. The route was created to satisfy the dual interests of the physical sciences together with the history of the courageous early twentieth century explorers.

High-quality photographs and videos introduced us to a wide range of natural life forms - penguins of course plus the beauty of seabirds and dramatic appearance of whales. The ice-strengthened ship took the seafarers through breathtaking waves captured by a camera on the bridge.



Passengers took some glacier trips using the on-board helicopters. History came to life with a visit to captain Scott's hut on Ross island. We chuckled to see a Colman's Mustard tin on a shelf, alongside the never changing Lyle's Golden Syrup.

This engaging narrative was delivered to a highly attentive audience and Ann McKimm, speaker secretary, thanked David warmly.

The meeting closed at 3.25pm. Refreshments followed.

We do not hold a members meeting in August.

The next will be at 2pm. on Monday 19th September at the Community Centre when Amanda Sutherland will tell us about ***My Creative Journey in Fashion.***

There is no need for men to cringe at the thought of catwalks, Amanda's career took her through film, television and theatrical design.