

MINUTES - 151ST MID SURREY INTERGROUP ASSEMBLY
TUESDAY 7TH MARCH 2017

1. Open with minutes silence.
2. Traditions read by John.
3. Attendance - GSRs - Aldershot & Farnborough Step Friday - Jeff M; Aldershot Wednesday - Hannah; Aldershot Saturday - x; Aldershot Living Sober Sunday - Sue; Betchworth Friday - Deborah; Brookwood St Johns Wed - Dylan O; Byfleet Sunday - x; Camberley Monday - Hugh M; Chertsey Tuesday - x; Cobham Monday - Caroline; Compton Mens Breakfast Fri - Paul; Compton Wed - X; Cove/Farnborough Sun - x; Cove/Farnborough Tues - X; Cove/Farnborough Thurs - John H; Cranleigh Monday - Olwen B; Dorking Monday - Lisa C; Dorking Wed - Marie; Dorking Sat - x; Dorking Ladies Thurs - Rebecca C; Dorking/Nth H'wd Sat - x; Egham Step Wed - Steve L; Farnborough & Cove Wed - Cristina; Farnham Tues Lunch - Tania; Farnham Thurs - Hugh M; Farnham Lunch Friday - Annette; Fleet Monday - x; Godalming Tues - x; Godalming Monday - John H; Guildford BB Monday - Mark C alternate; Guildford Thurs Lunch - Nick; Guildford Young P Monday - alternate Zara H; Guildford Lunch Tues - Jackie DS; Guildford Tues - Alexa; Guildford Wed - Dave; Guildford Meditation Monday - Ken S; Guildford Thurs - Richard H; Guildford Newcomers Friday - Kar; Guildford Sat Morning - X; Guildford After 8 - x - Guildford Sat - Rose; Guildford Merrow Sun - x; Guildford Sunday - Ed W; Guildford Friday Ladies Lunch - Zoe; Hawley Lunch Thurs - Tony D; Hersham Tues - Jill D; Leatherhead Tues - Peter R; Lightwater Wednesday - x; Ockham Lunch Wednesday - x; Ockham Friday - Susan; Ockley Sunday - Edwin; St Peters - Stephen R; Sheerwater Monday - X; Staines Wed - Barry; Staines Thurs - alternate Steve L; Walton on Thames Wed - Peter; Walton on Thames Monday - Rachael; Walton Friday - Danny S; West Byfleet Thurs - Terry N; Weybridge Mon - x; Weybridge Sat Morning - x; Weybridge Sat - Mark; Woking Priory Mon - X; Woking Thurs - alternate Elizabeth M; Woking Friday - Sarah B; Womersley Thurs - Trish; Woking Tues - Jon E; Woking Mon Newcomers - Beverley; Virginia Water Fri - Bob;
Officers - Chairman - Rob; Vice Chair - Alice; Secretary - Alison; Treasurer - Tony; Telephone LO - Peter G; ECLO - Ellie; Health LO - Mark; Share - Lindsay; PILO - Jonny; Schools LO - Andrew H; Convention - Tim D; YPLO - Zara; Region Reps - Kevin L; Archives - Barbara; Apologies - Bob S - Conference Delegate; Sue - Employment LO; Lesley - Probation LO; Rob - Ockham Wed; Pippa - Godalming Tues; Talia - Weybridge Sat; Guildford Young Persons - Brittany; Cove Sun - Alan; Merrow Sun - Jan; Dorking/N - David; Camberley Mon - Suzi; Visitors - John M - Region Archivist
4. New GSRs welcomed and registration forms explained.
5. Many thanks to Guildford Monday BB Study for the refreshments.
6. Quorum established 33 GSRs.
7. Minutes from 150th Assembly approved by Peter and Jill.
8. Vacancies/Nominations - Our PI Officer Jonny is standing down so the position is now vacant. Jonny has done a fantastic job in this service. Thank you Jonny. Prison LO service vacant. Armed Forces LO service vacant. Andrew our Schools LO is still looking for someone to take over his service position. Marie put her name forward as Region Rep. She introduced herself and was voted in. Welcome Marie. Service position vacant for

Telephone Assistant to help Peter our Telephone LO with the telephone lists. For this service, two years sobriety is required.

9. Chairmans Report - We have the service positions of Chairman and Vice Chair becoming available at the end of the year. Alice is happy to put her name forward for Chairmen but she would like anyone else who is interested in doing this service to come forward. These service positions are separate and are available for any AA member with good sobriety to take on. Many thanks to Lindsay for putting the 'Meeting in a Pocket' booklets together. There are approximately twenty booklets for each group in Mid Surrey to take back free of charge. If and when we order more of these booklets, there will be a small charge for each one.

10. Ellie our Electronics LO has done a fantastic job for the MSIG website. She demonstrated to the Assembly how to use the website and explained the changes she has made. We now have a lot of resources on the website for all members to use. GSRs please announce the website to your Group members. Ellie has produced a tent card with the website address on it for each Group to display on their top table. If anyone would like to share their story with Ellie to out up on the website, she would be very grateful.

11. John - Archivist for Region - Would like to produce a book called 'Mid Surrey Memoirs'. The book will be a collection of interviews from old timers in Mid Surrey. John discussed his other publications, 'Sobriety in Surrey', 'They Kept Coming Back', 'The Good Old Timers'. These publications proved to be extremely popular and sold quickly. John would like to publish his new book if he could get a committal from the Groups to buy them. If 45 of our Groups in Mid Surrey were to buy 10 books each, the books could be sold at £2.50 each. This is an approximate estimate. GSO say that this new book is perfectly acceptable but that they wont sell it themselves. A letter was read from GSO confirming this which can be found on our website. We will get a more concise description of the new book for our Groups to discuss. The book will be put to vote in June Assembly. John is due to step down as Regional Archivist soon. He has given many years of loving service to this position.

12. Alice - Vice Chair - Will be holding a Workshop in June to highlight feedback from the Questions for Conference 2017. The February Conference Question Workshop was reported to have had 11 people in attendance. For those who went it was considered very informative. A 'Twelve Traditions Checklist' have been circulated around the room for GSRs to take back to their Groups. A reminder that Traditions Week is coming up. Blue Sky Treatment Center would like to host an AA meeting on their site. If anyone is interested in helping with this please contact Alice vicechair@aamidsurrey.org.uk

A reminder that the AA Structure Handbook is available online to buy.

13. Officers introduced themselves. Zara YPLO - reported that she had attended a meeting with the 'Well Being' nurse at the University which sparked a lot of interest. Mark HLO - his report is on the website but reported that a lot is going on currently. He visits the Board of Surrey Substance Misuse quarterly with Trish and Ken helping him out on that. Nine AA members went to the Surrey University and spoke to 27 Clinical Psychology students for a day. This included an AA Meeting held for one hour conducted in front of the students. The students were quite blown away by the experience. AA is now on the syllabus for these students and is looking to take it further in time. Peter TLO - New to this role. Went to the January Workshop in Burgess Hill where he met others doing the same service role. There was a lot of discussion around 12th Step lists and the 0800 telephone number which was very

informative. Telephone assistant is urgently needed to help with the lists. Peter's report is on the website. Barbara Archives - Put a news letter on the website for all to read. Lindsay Share - Reported that there are two articles from Mid Surrey in last months issue which is great. Share urgently requests photographs to include in their magazine, not including people or Buckingham Palace! Tony Treasurer - His report in on the website. Everything is good and as it should be. Would like to make a payment to Region for £2000. This was agreed. Public Insurance is all paid for.

14. GSR Forum - A GSR asked where we were at on the possible Intergroup split? A subcommittee was to be set up with Anne W in charge. Only four people volunteered and five are needed. In light of the 2017 Conference Question which referred to the size of Intergroups, Mid Surrey have decided to put this subject to one side for now and wait for the outcome of that Question. This will be heard at the June Workshop. A GSRs asked how do the Conference Questions come out and get answered? The Conference Questions are printed initially in the Winter Service News Booklet. They can also be found on our website and questions discussed by groups can be submitted on our website. March 20th is the deadline. A GSR asked if Groups could find out in advance whether their meetings are open or closed over Christmas time so the information could be put on the website. This information can be collected and discussed at the December Intergroup. A GSR asked about claiming money for photocopying needed within the Groups. It is not Intergroup's responsibility to pay for the Groups needs. Each Group is self supporting through their own contributions to the pot. However traveling expenses to and from Intergroup Meetings can be claimed back. Please see Tony our Treasurer. A GSR raised that having attended a few different group conscience meetings, he was surprised at how much money groups were holding for their funds. He felt that money should be forwarded on to GSO. Tim Convention, has plenty of flyers for our Mid Surrey Workshop on 17th June, to hand out. GSR (Jackie) made a comment on how the Traditions Checklist looks great. She emphasized that it is good to share on the Traditions and have time to reflect. Mid Surrey used to have Traditions Meetings. It would be great to bring that in again more as perhaps we have let the Traditions slip a little. The Traditions are printed in the booklet 'Meeting in a Pocket' for reference. GSR (Trish) asked what will happen when our supply of the booklets run out. It was answered that Intergroup can order more but each booklet will have a charge of 57p with it. It will be up to the conscience of each AA Group as to whether they charge the end user for them or just give them away. GSR from Thursday Farnham Group said the group is very poor and wouldn't be able to buy the booklets. This has come up before with meetings struggling to meet the rent. It comes back to whether our Groups are self supporting which is a matter for every individual group conscience to decide. If enough Groups would like to buy more booklets then Intergroup will order and pay for more initially and the Groups can buy what they need. Barbara Archives, will hold any unsold books. A GSR suggested that not every literature table needs to be fully stocked as long as they have the basics for newcomers. We were reminded that literature for PI is free to order and give away. A reminder to GSRs that if you are not receiving any flyers through the post from York them give them a ring. York are happy anytime for phone calls. Godalming Monday Group has dropped in numbers and are trying to keep the meeting going. We worry about the future of these old, long standing meetings and would value support. Woking Friday Discussion Group are also struggling for numbers. A

reminder that the Woking meeting starts at 7.45pm and finishes at 9.00pm. It was suggested that Groups could cut the meeting duration time down to an hour to see if that helps attendance.

15. Teas for the June Assembly are kindly being hosted by Woking Tuesday Step & Tradition Group.

16. Serenity Prayer and close.

GSR ACTION POINTS

Announce Intergroup Vacancies - Public Information Liaison Officer - Prison Liaison Officer - Armed Forces Liaison Officer - Telephone Assistant - Schools Liaison Officer. Also looking for nominations for positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman which will be available at the end of the year.

Keep announcing our MSIG website msig@aamidsurrey.org.uk

Keep up to date with events on the website and use the resources. If any member would like to contribute their story to the website please send to Ellie eclo@aamidsurrey.org.uk

Discuss the proposed new publication 'Mid Surrey Memoirs' with your members and decide how many books your group can commit to buying. Answers collated at June Intergroup Assembly.

Share urgently request photographs for their magazine. Photos not to include people or Buckingham Palace.

Are any members interested in helping to host an AA Meeting at the Blue Sky Treatment Center? Contact Alice vicechair@aamidsurrey.org.uk