



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

SAFFRON WALDEN

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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 4th SEPTEMBER 2017 AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

### Chairmans Report

The Chairman, Alan Nicholls welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the AGM. In his report he said that Saffron Walden U3A had started in 1983 so had been going for 34 years. Membership was increasing year on year and currently stood at over 800. There were 46 groups, many with waiting lists which was frustrating. We need the Memberships help to forward ideas, organise, run and encourage new Groups. Several new ones had been started during the year, The ethos of U3A is self help. The Chairman also thanked Martin Hugall (Website) Jim Dwyer (Update) and the Committee and said that we had lost two of our number this year and another two will be leaving next year. Alan reported that Theatre and Travel remains popular and the Choir had held a Concert and raised a considerable sum for Charities. They would also be appearing at Saffron Hall later this year. The Committee would be standing down later in the meeting in accordance with the Constitution.

### Present

197 had signed the Register

### Apologies for absence:

Pat Truelove, Kate Ditchwitch and Mike and Lesley Furlong

### Minutes and Approval from the last A.G.M.

The minutes were read by the Secretary and have also been available on the Website. J O'Connor proposed and M Hugall seconded that they be adopted as a true record. Agreed Nem.con. and signed by the Chairman

### Treasurers Report Accounts attached also available on Website

The annual accounts and financial statements have been prepared using applicable Accounting Standards and have been examined by an Independent Examiner in accordance with the Charity Commissioners' requirements.

There are two sets of accounts; one for the main U3A finances and the other for those of the Theatre & Travel group, the latter being entirely separate. I would like to express my thanks to Jean Little for her excellent work in administering the Theatre and Travel accounts, and Chris Duffy and Pauline Smith for all their hard work in running such an excellent group.

The accounts for 2016-2017 show an excess in expenditure over income of nearly £800. This compares to a surplus last year of about £1150. However, last year was an exception in that we had two years' worth of Gift Aid. Our membership fees increased by £755 this year, giving us a total of £8200, which with Gift Aid of approx. £1140, gives us a total income of £9340. Expenditure increased this year by about £1380. The more members we have, the more we must pay out. Update, both printing and postage costs, the postage for Third Age Matters magazine and Capitation fees.

The remainder of our receipts amount to about £33000, and these are from our self-financing groups and I would like to thank all our coordinators for their hard work in running their groups.

There are still sufficient funds available and this has enabled the committee to keep the reduced membership subscription to £10 for this current year.

Ann Treglown proposed the adoption of the accounts and David Stapleton seconded, agreed Nem con.

### Appointment of Independent Examiner

J Dibling proposed and R Wright seconded that Robert Currie be appointed to this role. Agreed Nem con.

### Election of Committee

The following people had submitted correctly completed nomination forms in accordance with the Constitution

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
Ann Banks	T Pilsbury	R Fothergill
Ann Cousins	J Pearson	S Green
Mary Curtis	I Lawson	A Treglown
Jim Dwyer	P Smith	S Ridgewell
Alan Nicholls	M Ivory	S Cockram
Trevor Osbourn	A Treglown	P Crawford
Janet Pearson	J Pearson	B Wildblood
Christine Simpson	M Landeryou	F Haine
Ann Treglown	S French	A Rowland

Angela Rowland proposed and Martin Hugall seconded that they were elected en bloc. This was agreed Nem con.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 3.00pm