

#Monthly Meeting - 21 February 2018#

The Chairman welcomed 123 members and 7 guests to the February Meeting and opened by saying that "Your U3A – You are its members you are its owners".

* Any ideas you have for groups, visits or possible changes please let us know. If you are not in a group, have a look around to see if there is something you fancy, perhaps join an extra group. If your subject, hobby, interest is not there then perhaps propose a new group. With 700 members I am sure that there are others just waiting for the idea to be proposed. Contact Interest Groups Co-ordinator with your idea for a new group.

* You are never too old to join – remember you are not old you are young 60, 70 or 75 plus years young. Make new acquaintances, make new friends

* The Chairman reminded members that it is now coming up to membership renewal time and that the packs with all the information about this and the AGM would be arriving by post next week.

* You can renew on Friday 16th March in the Public Hall from 9.00- 12.00 and refreshments will be available. Some groups will be promoting themselves and the Group Co-ordinator will be available to help and advise on groups in general. You can also renew by post.

* The Renewal form has a revised section - a Privacy Statement. This in line with national changes that will be coming in during May this year. We have always included this on our renewal and membership forms but now it is in line with new directives there are a couple of boxes that will need ticking.

* Nomination forms will be in your pack for people to join the committee. Five Committee members will be stepping down at the AGM. If you wish to participate on the committee or you know someone would then please help us maintain this U3A and take it forward.

* Data Base - our database is only used to make communications with our members and it is not shared with third parties.

* Our Vice chair Graham Jermyn is representing our U3A at the Third Age Trust EGM in March.

* Paul Gurbutt will be attending a workshop meeting on Keeping it Legal in April.

* Peter Westmacott invited members to a meeting Monday 26th February at 10.00am in the Quaker Hall for those wishing to join a proposed group -Churches Explorers.