

May 2015 Monthly Report

There was a very good attendance at the first AGM of our newly established Beccles U3A.

When members arrived for the AGM they were entertained by the Ukulele group led by Brian Lever, the group convenor. They entertained members for 20 minutes and everyone joined in and happily sung along. The performance of this newly formed group which has been running for just 8 weeks was well received by all with rapturous applause. There are now 28 members in the group with more wishing to join. A great success story and it demonstrated the statement by U3A organisation - "if it's not fun it's not U3A".

The AGM followed at 10.30am.

Peter Shannon welcomed members to the 1st AGM of Beccles U3A.

The Constitution was accepted and the following Officers were elected to the Executive

Committee :-

Chairman - Peter Shannon

Vice Chairman - Peter Westmacott

Treasurer - Carole Moore

Business Secretary - Susan Shannon

The following people were elected to the Executive Committee:- Julia Deary, Jena Mason, Sandy Perrin, Sue Rhodes and Irene Squirrell and roles will be decided at the first meeting of the new Executive Committee.

The chairman gave a review of Beccles U3A since its launch in October 2014. He thanked the Steering Committee, including the Minutes Secretary Diane Dungate, Webmaster Felicity Hillier and the Accessibility Officer Veronica Carpenter, for their commitment and all their hard work. Sandy Perrin Interest Group Coordinator, gave an report on the progress of established and potential new groups. The financial accounts were presented by the Treasurer, Carole Moore. These were accepted. Jane Thomas has agreed to examine the accounts for 2015/2016.

The Chairman thanked the following Steering Group Members who have decided to step down :-Jane Cudlipp, Peggy McGregor and Netta Swallow.

The AGM closed at 10.55am

The AGM was followed by a talk by Chloe Veale, director of the History of Advertising Trust (HAT).

THIRD AGE TRUST CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

Adrian Breacker (East of England Trustee for the Third Age Trust) presented Beccles U3A with their Certificate of Membership of the Third Age Trust at the meeting of the Suffolk and District Network on 15th May at Bury St Edmunds. The certificate was received on behalf of Beccles U3A by Peter Shannon (Chair) and Susan Shannon (Business Secretary). There were 14 different Suffolk U3A's in attendance for the half yearly meeting, which was followed by workshops on the topics of the roles of web-master and speaker finder.