



With covid and flu still around, please do not attend any meeting if you have any symptoms. You may also wish to wear a mask.

Monday 15th May AGM

Doors open at **10.00** for a 10.30 start.

After the AGM there will be a talk by Dr Jess Jones on Strength Training and the chance to talk to various groups, with a quiz from Adam Walter.

Volunteers needed on Saturday 24th June

We have booked a table at the Summer Fair at All Saints. This is to advertise the benefits of our u3a and encourage new members. The event is open between 12 noon and 4 pm but we will need as many people as possible to help organise, set up and clear away as well as take a shift manning the stall.

See the committee at meetings or email u3aboldon@gmail.com

BOLDON & DISTRICT U3A
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022-2023
15th MAY 2023
AGENDA

Welcome

Chair Pat Devenport welcomes members.

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

To accept the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25th April 2022

3 Chairs Report

Presented by Chair – Pat Devenport

4 Incoming Executive Committee _

4.1. Nomination of Tellers

4.2. Report on voting for the incoming committee

4.3. To vote in officer nominations.

Chairman	Shirley Walkinshaw
Vice-Chairman	
Treasurer	Bill Coombs
Business Secretary	

4.4. To vote in committee members nominations

Membership Secretary	Gillian Cucci
Group Coordinator	Sue Soulsby
Speaker Secretary	Sheila Miller
Minutes Secretary	Pam Marley
Communications Secretary	Pat Devenport
Committee Member	JoAnn Frankie
Committee Member	Sue Masters
Committee Member	Anne Witherington

5 Approval of examined accounts_

6 Motions for Debate (none submitted)

Close of Annual General Meeting 2022-2023

Minutes of 2022 AGM for Approval at the AGM 2023

BOLDON & DISTRICT U3A ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021-2022 MINUTES 25th April 2022

Apologies for absence from Jane Waggott

Welcome

Acting Chair Pat Devenport welcomed members and confirmed that the meeting was quorate under the rules of the Constitution.

1. Nomination of Teller- Gillian Cucchi was appointed Teller

2. Minutes

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 10th May 2021 were received and accepted.

3. Chair & Officers Reports

I have been involved with the committee as a trustee for 2 years now, and what a 2 years it has been! Covid struck and everything stopped, we had no easy means of contacting members so opted to join the u3a-wide **Beacon** system which holds all members details. Collating accurate information was a huge task for **Gillian**, our membership secretary, but I am happy to say the system is working well. Another real benefit of Beacon is that members can **view and update their own details**. As yet we have not explored further the use of Beacon for groups and finance, but that is an option for the future.

As another way of staying in contact to complement the **Web site** we introduced a private **FaceBook group** which many of our members are enjoying.

During lockdown, **Group leaders** kept in touch with group members, including **Adam's Podcasts** – he never dreamed there would be so many of them. Eventually outside groups, like photography and walking began to meet again and enjoy each others company.

In September we took our first tentative steps towards group meeting, wearing masks and braving icy blasts of fresh air. We have enjoyed talks from the uses of needles to the comedy of Laurel and Hardy, and more varied talks are planned.

As confidence grew in the vaccination programme, indoor groups began to meet and I am pleased to say that we have 4 new groups running Flower arranging, Line dancing, Art Appreciation and Exploring Technology alongside Art, Bridge, Contemporary Music, Rail Enthusiasts and Scrabble.

Any new idea for a group would be welcome, and don't think that you would be totally responsible, the committee will help you get it off the ground and you can share the work with a friend... You may think that this will take you out of your comfort zone, but u3a is about **LEARNING for enjoyment...** and there is plenty of help available.

We want to give a heartfelt thanks to **ALL** our group leaders, including Ann Small, Kath Robinson and Brenda Fairfull who had to give up their groups – without you the u3a could not exist. I also want to thank **Kath Lodge** who organises trips which many of us enjoy.

Finally I would like to mention our retiring Treasurer, **Peter Winfield**, who is now Exploring Technology, **Denise Walter**, our retiring Business Secretary and **Kay Blyth**, retired as Speaker secretary, as well as **Stephanie Yearnshire** who was forced to step down as chairman but is still there for advice when needed

Thank you for your support on the committee

4. Incoming Executive Committee

Bill Coombs was elected Treasurer.
Agreed- the current committee be approved;

BOLDON AND DISTRICT U3A	
Committee Nominations 2022	
Chair	Pat Devenport
Vice Chair	Vacant
Treasurer	Bill Coombs
Business Secretary	Vacant
Membership Secretary	Gillian Cucchi
Group Leader	Sue Tong
Group Meeting	Jim Jordan
Group Meeting	Cathy Jordan
Programme Secretary	Sheila Miller

5. Approval of examined accounts Peter Winfield Treasurer reported

The charge for membership renewal was suspended for 2021/22, with 24 new members paying £240. but the u3a Trust required a capitation fee of £595, and the Beacon membership management system charged £216.

The groups continued where they could and with a little support of £60 they are now hoping to be self-funded and Kath Lodge has started trips which have been well supported.

The monthly meeting at £2 a head less speaker and room rent achieved a small surplus. The lack of income from the subs meant the year ended with a deficit of just over £1000, leaving us with total funds in the bank of £9442, which includes £1866 in subscriptions for 2022/23. This gives us a solid base with which to continue.

Agreed; Treasurers Report Accepted.

Close of Annual General Meeting

News of Outings from Kath Lodge

PLEASE NOTE If you park in the Britannia car park you will be fined.

Wednesday 17th May RAY LONSDALE. Sculptor

Cost £10 , This is payable at the meeting on 15th May.

The coach will leave the bus stop opposite Cleadon Pond at 10.00 and should arrive back about 3.30.

Saturday 24th June Concert Newcastle Cathedral 7pm

This concert features the young Ukrainian pianist KHRYSTYNA MYKHAILICHENKO. She will play; Brahms Academic Festival Overture: Schubert Symphony No 5: Rachmaninov Symphony No 3
Ticket cost £14.

As the Cathedral is only a very short walking distance from Central station, I thought on this occasion we could perhaps go by metro, catching the 5.43 from East Boldon and returning on the 9.18 / 9.33. We would all travel together.

An Expression of Interest form will be available at the meeting on 15th May for anyone interested in going. Payment will be due at the meeting on 19th June.

Friday 7th July Tall Ships Hartlepool

This visit is to Hartlepool Waterfront to see not only the tall / small international ships, but also to enjoy the displays of live music, art, dance and performances and also various stalls and exhibitions.

Cost £12 - £16 approx depending on numbers. This is payable at the meeting on 19th June. An Expression of Interest form will be available at the meeting on May 15th.

The coach will leave the bus stop opposite the Cleadon pond at 9.30am and Hartlepool at 4pm.

News of Groups

The ethos of the u3a is to Learn, Live and Laugh, with members sharing their interests for the benefit of everyone.

Feel there is nothing for you currently in the u3a groups?

Then help to set up and run a new group based on your interests, with the full support of the committee. Contact Sue Soulsby at u3aboldon@gmail.com

As some members of the **Enjoy Singing** group will be away for a long weekend over the coming bank holiday, the meeting on May 26th have been cancelled. The group normally meets on the last Friday of the month in Cleadon Methodist Church Hall at 10.30. Contact Jim Jordan for more information.

Do you want to try out flower arranging while having fun? Come along to our **Flower Arranging** group on Friday 12th May, at 10.30 in the School Room at All Saints Cleadon.

Each month Maureen Carrigan demonstrates an arrangement which the flower group uses as inspiration for their own arrangement the following month. For more information contact Maureen via the Flower Group page on the web site or email u3aboldon@gmail.com.



Here is our inspiration for May



This image, by Ian Henderson, a member of the **Photography** group was chosen for u3a Eye in April with the theme Growth, [Click here to see the full selection](#)

If you want more information about any groups, please contact the group leader directly via the website by clicking the blue carrier pigeon.

If you feel you can help in any way, please email u3aboldon@gmail.com for more information or see the committee at a General meeting.

Remember you can always find the latest news on events and groups by visiting our web site u3asites.org.uk/boldon/home or by joining our Facebook group.

In Facebook search for u3a Boldon, you will be asked to give your membership number, which is on your card, and an administrator will give you access.

It is a fun place, be first to hear about day trips, get news of group activities, enjoy and contribute to Stephanie's u3a foodies posts and even laugh at the occasional joke.

Members are welcome to add any posts which they think would be of interest.