

Annual General Meeting 29th March 2023 held at Arden Hall

Dave Abbott opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present 63 members and 3 visitors.

Apologies: Irene Cherill, June Conley, Diana Price, Sue Rogers, Eleanor Hazelwood, Rita Shapiro, Agnes Barker / total 13

Chairs report: Previous years AGM minutes on the website. These were accepted.

Dave said he took over as Chair at last years meeting, Not had a vice chair all yeard despite appealing to members to please come forward. At present we have 112 members. Welcomed the 3 new members who have put their names forward for committee. Have had various. Events during the year. Training/Quiz/Christmas lunch/ U3A open day, Thanks to committee for supporting these. Thanks recorded to Margaret Riordan and Janet Nelson who are stepping down from Committee. Flowers given.

Treasurers report: Mike presented his report, copy of this is on file. Auditor appointed Pat Lucas. Accounts accepted. We had a shortfall of £1096.71. Proposed increase in subs to £20 this is necessary as we have fewer members, costs have gone up/hire of rooms at Arden Hall/fees to U3A/ postage/Speakers. Discussion held, suggestions that when we have entertainment to charge everyone £1 to help with costs. The members voted unanimously to raise membership fee to £20. Prefer if members pay on line.

Appointment of Committee:

Proposed new committee introduced including the 3 new members. Pat Lucas, Kath Buckley. Mick Baker. Dave Abbott /Michael Buckley/Ann Sparey/Bob Brueton/Elaine Johnson/Frank Hill/Marion Ridsdill/ Helen Abbot/June Conley. The above all put names forward and completed the appropriate paperwork. No other nominations received. The above were unanimously voted onto committee 2023. Members were asked if anyone had any questions..

Chairs report:

Constitution. We are required by law to have this, propose to adopt draft model published by the U3A. This will be confirmed at next years AGM.

Appeal to members to join an interest group. If anyone wishes to start a new group, this must go to committee who will minute this new group, so covered by Insurance.

Associated groups do not have to be U3A members, but must be aware not covered by U3A Insurance

Newsletter – unable to post out because of costs. Those who do not have email will be able to pick up copy at GM.

Coronation we have been invited to join Arden Hall 12-5pm 7th May/ helpers needed.

Walk tomorrow Packwood to Badesley Clinton.

Interest Groups Facilitators Report: Coffee morning at Orchard Nursery monthly Elaine Johnson.

Group facilitators gave a short update on their groups.

Reading group Shard End Library – Marion gave the first interest talk.

BSL group gave a welcome signing. Frank/Katrina.

Poetry – Ray/Jennie recited some poems

History – 1st Monday in month-Barbara/Paulette

Strummers – played some musical entertainment

Astronomy – new group –Dawn/Frank

Scrabble – Castle Bromwich Library 2-4pm last Tues in month

Table tennis – Fitz 2nd Tues Baptist church £3

Sunday lunch – Paulette Burkill

Curry club every 8 weeks Barbara Durrant

Photography monthly – John Witton

Associated groups - Bob Brueton:

- Choir CastleVale Thursday5.30-7pm £3
- Tea dance Weds Remembrance club 1.30-3.30pm £3

- Model railway – Castle Vale