

Dear Friends

**Crouch Valley U3A Annual General Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

I am writing to give notice that our 2023 AGM will be held at Champions Manor Hall on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April commencing at 2pm.

Duly completed nominations for the posts of Committee officers and general members shall be submitted to me by the 5<sup>th</sup> April.

Similarly, proposals for matters to be discussed at the AGM, and nominations for our 4 “tea money” charities for the next year shall be submitted to me by the 5<sup>th</sup> April too.

In accordance with our Constitution Ray Burns must step down as our Chairman.

To ensure that our U3A can continue the Committee will be proposing that I be nominated as Chairman and Ray Burns be nominated as Secretary.

The Treasurer and the other existing members of the Committee are both eligible and have agreed to serve another year.

All of the above is subject to agreement at the AGM and there being no further nominations.

We do have 3 vacancies, including the role of Vice Chairman, and it is hoped that they can be filled at the AGM.

Given the strong support from members when we hold our monthly and social meetings, the Committee is able to function. However, I have to warn members that in a year's time the picture may be very different. Unless we have members willing to come forward to join the Committee and be prepared to take on the roles of Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Vice Chair the ability of our U3A to continue will be in jeopardy.

When we adopted our current Constitution in 2018 it followed the recommended model constitution set out by the U3A Trust, which in turn had been guided by the Charities Commission. The current model constitution on the U3A Trust website is much more restrictive regarding the tenure of officers and committee membership. One can but surmise that the Charities Commission is the instigator of the changes since 2018 and all U3As will be eventually “guided” to update their constitutions. Under the current national model constitution virtually the entirety of your committee would be time expired and ineligible to serve on the committee in any capacity.

Regards.

Ian Robinson  
Secretary.  
27<sup>th</sup> February 2022

