

MINUTES OF THE EPSOM & EWELL U3A AGM HELD ON 3RD OCTOBER 2016 AT BOURNE HALL, EWELL

1. Welcome

The Chairman, Janice Cheetham, opened the meeting by welcoming 140 members to the AGM.

2. Apologies for absence

Jane Branfoot, Mary Don, Michael Dunk, Mary Foster, John Hollands, Valerie Rye, Pamela Vonberg, Veronica Wheeler,

3. Minutes of the 2015 AGM

The Minutes of the previous AGM held on 5th October 2015, having been circulated, were accepted and signed.

4. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman read out the Committee's Review of the year's activities, pointing out the wide range of activities offered and the current record number of members. The monthly talks continued to have good attendance. New groups had been set up dealing with a variety of subjects. Janice commented on the popularity of the social and theatre outings and holidays and quoted examples. She reported on the publicity efforts made and the success of the Open House meeting. She asked the membership to continue publicising the U3A by word of mouth to neighbours and friends. Use of the internet was growing. Attention was drawn to the group emails that had been introduced to keep those members with email addresses updated. Janice reported that the introduction of small grants for groups had been welcomed. She thanked the long serving group leaders who had retired for the time and effort they had put in over the years, and the committee members who were stepping down, especially the Treasurer, Graham Booth. She also thanked those who supported the Committee by undertaking various tasks and contributed to the smooth running of the U3A: Joan Brown for organising the theatre trips, Veronica Wheeler as Welfare Officer, Lynda Jennings and the members on the Helpers' Register, and Terry Caddle for liaising with Bourne Hall. Janice was standing down having served on the Committee for six years, the last three as Chairman. She concluded by thanking all the Committee members she had worked with for their support. The report was adopted and would be reproduced on the website.

5. Treasurer's Report.

Financial statements for the twelve months to 31 July 2016 had been circulated. The balance sheet showed a surplus for the year of £1,100.78. On the Social Account, due to good stewardship and the organisers identifying events suitable and popular with the membership, the overall position produced a net surplus of £297.80. The surplus arising on the social account had, as in 2015, enabled the Christmas lunch to be subsidised. The meeting, on a vote, agreed to adopt the Accounts.

6. Election of Officers and Committee.

Janice Cheetham and Sally Topping had completed their terms of office and were standing down from the Committee. For personal reasons Graham Booth was also standing down having served for two years as Treasurer.

Having been duly proposed and seconded the following were elected:

Linda Hollands (Chairman), Ted Morrey (Secretary), Sally Topping (Treasurer), Wendy Clubb (Membership Secretary), Dave Starling and Michael Dunk (Committee Members)

There were no nominations from the floor to fill the remaining vacancies.

James Hadley, Janet Painter and Chris Rae would continue to serve on the Committee to complete their terms of office.

7. Election of Independent Examiner

It was agreed to re-elect Victor Collier as Independent Examiner for the ensuing year.

8. Any Other Business

The newly elected Chairman, Linda Hollands, thanked the retiring Chairman, Janice Cheetham, for her inspired leadership, her ability to build and lead a strong committee, and for setting up modern administration systems for it to function effectively. Linda presented Janice with a card and present in appreciation of all the time and effort she had put into the office.

The meeting closed at 10.55.

The meeting was followed by a talk on "The Life and Loves of Napoleon Bonaparte" by David Williams.