

GUISBOROUGH U3A NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2020

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Hello everyone, this is your fifth Alternative Newsletter from the Committee, to keep in touch with you during the government's continuing restrictions.

When more of the Interest Groups are able to meet again, your two-monthly Newsletter will return in the usual format with Alan Graham back at the helm.

Chairman's Blog October 20

Given the latest news updates it looks as though not much is going to be relaxed within the next six months from where we are now.

Sunnyfield House have prepared the necessary documentation for us to be able to consider restarting groups there in a limited way. No other venues have provided the necessary information yet to allow us to consider them. Due to the recently introduced "Rule of Six", Sunnyfield has had to amend its plans so that now even in the main hall only a coordinator plus five will be allowed.

Sandra, who now coordinates Groups, has been liaising with our venues and talking to Coordinators to ascertain who might be interested in trying to restart face to face activities and what would need to be done to facilitate this. A list of those groups that have restarted or are planning to can be found in this newsletter.

As the cost of hiring the venues has increased and the number of attendees allowed has decreased the committee has had to increase the cost per member from £1 to £2 per session. Walking groups however will remain at 50p.

The Committee continues to hold our monthly meetings remotely using the free version of Zoom. When the sessions ends after 40minutes we simply click to re-join immediately for a further session. Whilst not perfect I can recommend Zoom as a tool for group discussions and any coordinator wishing to try it could contact Sandra as help can be given where needed. Zoom groups also have the advantage of being free from GU3A group fees!

The Third Age Trust (TAT) held its AGM by Zoom on 29th Sep and Pam Rayment attended on our behalf to cast our three allocated votes. We voted against a proposal to increase the capitation fee from £3.50 to £4 however a majority voted for the increase which will take place from April 2022.

The cost of providing the Third Age Magazine (TAM) is also increasing. Currently this is paid for by GU3A for the 20% of members that want it. However from April 2022 the committee proposes that the subscription should be paid by those members who want the magazine rather than it be borne by an increase in the membership subscription of all members. TAT are however looking into the possibility of putting the magazine online.

I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter which again has been compiled by Pam.

John Wardill

If you'd like to raise any points for consideration at GU3A Committee meetings, please send them to John.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE INTEREST GROUPS? Here's are three summaries from Sandra.

GU3A WALKING GROUPS

ACTIVITY	COORDINATOR	STATUS
Talks and Walks	Patricia	Not restarting at present
Short Walks	Peta	Not restarting at present
Walking 10miles +	Brian	RESTARTED
Walking 7-8 miles	Jo	RESTARTED
Walking 2 7-8 miles		*May restart soon
Walking 5-6 miles	Linda	RESTARTING 6 TH OCTOBER
Walking Pathfinders	Connie	RESTARTING 13 TH OCTOBER
Walks 5-8 miles	Richard Hill	RESTARTED

*Walking 2 7-8 miles Alan Medd has resigned as Coordinator for this Group. Richard Hill is hoping to re-establish the group, assuming there is demand.

GU3A – ACTIVITY VENUE AND STATUS – SUNNYFIELD HOUSE

PLANNED ACTIVITY	ALLOCATED DATES	TIMES	GROUP COORDINATOR
Latin for Fun	Monday pm 26/10, 23/11	2-3.30pm	Stephen
Middle Eastern Dance	Tuesday am 15/9, 29/9, 6/10, 20/10, 3/11, 17/11, 1/12, 8/12, 15/12	10.30-12 noon	Brenda
Play Reading	Friday am 27/11, 18/12	10-11.30 To be confirmed by S.H.	Cath
Res Classicae	Monday pm 2/11, 30/11	Would like 1.30-3pm & 3.30-5pm To be confirmed by S.H.	Stephen
Russian Literature	Wednesday pm 11/11, 9/12	Not starting up	Peter
Music Appreciation	Monday pm 19/10, 16/11, 21/12	Not starting up	Peta
NOT PREVIOUSLY USED Sunnyfield House			
Science	2 nd Thursday pm	Continuing with Zoom	Sean

ACTIVITY		STATUS	GROUP COORDINATOR
60/70s Music		Not restarting at present	David
Ancient Greek		Not restarting at present	Stephen
Creative Writing Poetry		Not restarting at present	John
Flower Club		Not restarting at present	Pat
Knit and Natter		Not restarting at present	Anne
Laughter Yoga		Covid-19 restrictions	Jan
Needle Crafts		Not restarting at present	June
Scrabble		Covid-19 restrictions	Jenny

GU3A ACTIVITY VENUES AND PRESENT STATUS

VENUE	ACTIVITY	STATUS
Sleight Court	Bridge Beginners and Improvers	Setting not yet open. Not able to restart under Covid-19 Guidelines (sharing equipment).
	Gardening	Setting not yet open.
	Painting	Setting not yet open.
	Photography	Setting not yet open.
	Scrap Booking	Setting not yet open.
Methodist Hall	Singing for Pleasure	Setting not yet open.
	5 th Wednesday Talk	Setting not yet open.
Parish Hall	Tai Chi (see note below)	Setting being assessed for suitability. Will continue to use Zoom.
	Canaster	Not able to restart under Covid-19 Guidelines (sharing equipment).
	Mah Jong	Not able to restart under Covid-19 Guidelines (sharing equipment.)
Library	Book Club	Setting not yet open.
Prior Pursglove	Science	Will continue to use Zoom.
Home	Ceramic Art	Not expected to start up at present
	Guitar (Intermediate)	Not expected to start up at present
	Spanish Improvers	Not expected to start up at present
Saltburn Bowls Club	Boules	Setting not yet available.
KGV Bowls	Bowls	Setting not yet available.

Club		
Various Venues	Art Appreciation	Not able to restart under Covid-19 Guidelines.
	Excursions	Not able to restart under Covid-19 Guidelines.
	Industry and Infrastructure	Not able to restart under Covid-19 Guidelines.

Tai Chi:

'If you have joined us in the Parish Hall previously and would like to have a go on Zoom just get in touch with us (07460904376) and we will see if we can get you up and running'.

The **Photography Group** Members have again kindly sent some photos for publication, which are at the end of this Alternative Newsletter. I've put them there simply because they take up quite a lot of space and they're a lovely way to end, leaving us all with a smile.

If you're not a member of the Photography Group and would like to share a photo(s), please send them in, so we can all enjoy them. Pam.

THE FRIENDS OF GUISBOROUGH LIBRARY

Kate Smith, Membership Secretary, has kindly confirmed I may share her latest Newsletter and Quiz with you, so here they are:

Hello everyone

I do hope you are well and not going totally insane with the new restrictions – it must end one day! Unfortunately there is no news on when the Library will re-open fully so we must just soldier on.

In the meantime I am pleased to say that we have written the **Fun Town Quiz** and attach this for your enjoyment – no prizes and please feel free to pass it on to anyone who may be interested. You may need to look up an author or two but after that it is just a walk around Guisborough to find the answers. I will send the answers next month, hopefully with the next walk around the town hunt, which will be **The Guisborough Town Book Trail**. We are trying to keep the Library Friends Group going, albeit in a very different way.

Jigsaw Puzzles

Well, just because I said no more were needed in my last Newsletter, I am now told that if you have any **1000 piece puzzles** they would be much appreciated – but not smaller ones. Obviously people are thinking of the longer days ahead and how to fill them. Please take any to the Library when you are able. Many thanks.

Book Reviews

The Reading Group is still unable to meet but we have thought that as we all read books, and will no doubt be settling down to hibernation again during the winter, we could all start

reviewing books and offering recommendations to each other. Not just whether you enjoyed it or not but a brief précis of the plot (without giving anything away of course), if you think it well written, if it is part of a series, if there are interesting twists and turns etc etc. Be critical, say if you enjoyed this one, maybe you would enjoy books by suggest other authors. Send me your review and I will circulate all those sent in every few weeks. Any sort of book can be reviewed, be it a thriller, biography, Mills and Boon, true story etc. Whatever your chosen reading matter. Please send these in an e-mail and not as an attachment as I have trouble opening them.

Craft Sessions

We anticipate still being able to run these in Sunnyfield House and have a couple of spaces left on each one. I give below the details of these, exactly as given in my previous Newsletter.

Friday 2-4pm 30 October - making Christmas tablecloths and serviettes, led by Hazel

Friday 2-4pm 13 November - making a Snowman flowerpot display, led by Andrea. This will involve creating a snowman from felt and ribbons and attaching to a terracotta pot. Using a variety of silk and real flora and decorative pieces, you will create a display within the pot.

Friday 2-4pm 27 November - decorating a small Christmas gift box, led by Jennifer

There will be a £3 charge for these events but all materials will be supplied. All relevant Health and Safety measures will be in place and we will be taking all steps possible to ensure that the equipment provided has been sanitised with the items you will be making supplied in kits. If you would prefer to bring your own tools we will advise what is needed nearer the time. If you are interested and comfortable in coming along to one or all of these sessions please **reply to me direct** and not to the Library.

Best wishes and if you have any thoughts or suggestions on anything we can do to keep occupied and interested please let me know.

Stay safe
Kate Smith, Membership Secretary

FRIENDS OF GUISBOROUGH LIBRARY FUN TOWN QUIZ

The answer to the questions are all streets, shops, pubs etc to be found within approximately a half mile radius of a countryside dwelling on a cloudless summer day, ie Sunnyfield House, Westgate, Guisborough, and have a literary connection (except for number 20).

No.	Question	Answer
1.	Is this restaurant owned by the heroine of Margaret Mitchell's <i>Gone with the Wind</i> ?	
2.	Which wine bar is almost the name of a Charles Dickens novel?	
3.	This stylish salon sounds like the author of 'The Man who Mistook his wife for a hat'.	
4.	Are these old buildings the headquarters of the police	

	force set up by the author of 'The History of Tom Jones' ?	
5.	Two Italian take-aways make halves of two Shakespeare plays.	
6.	The first name of the author of 'The Young Visitors', the surname of the hero of James Joyce's 'Ulysses' and, oh, a book about a giraffe by Catherine Rayner, make up the name of this colourful shop.	
7.	Half a pantomime which was originally an Italian fairytale becomes an apothecary	
8.	Replace the last letter of the name of this transformative salon with a syllable and you have the English title of a novella by Franz Kafka.	
9.	A pub and a London Tudor Shakespeare theatre share this name.	
10.	This illuminating gift shop shares its name with the publisher of the best-selling children's book 'Guess how much I love you' by Sam McBratney and illustrated by Anita Jeram.	
11.	What name does a local school have in common with the author of 'The Seven Pillars of Wisdom'?	
12.	This old street sounds as though the Captain of the crew in Lewis Carroll's poem 'The Hunting of the Snark' has his own way in.	
13.	An old house with a name that's easy to change on a computer/word processor but impossible on a typewriter	
14.	An old comic for a gentlemen's outfitters ?	
15.	A James Bond continuation novel by William Boyd, Star Wars and Man from Uncle characters, a hairdresser and boutique	
16.	An 18 th century gothic horror novel by Matthew Gregory Lewis gives its name to this popular wine bar	
17.	Take the tree from the title of Kenneth Grahame's classic tale of animals and the heavenly body from Somerset Maugham's novel about a stockbroker who becomes an artist: you have the name of a charming gift shop	
18.	Hans Christen Anderson's sad sea creature could have a drink here.	
19.	You can get a tan in this fashion magazine	
20.	We hope this quiz and reading has done this to you – and, ladies, have a hairdo here !	

[I'm pleased to bring you two more articles from Members this month.](#)

PHYLLIS'S STORY, CHAPTER 2.

During my time at coffee breaks in classes! I have bumped into others that were serving members, also people that have lived elsewhere. So Liz I am finally doing what you asked, you said I should write a book, instead I am writing about my adventures in life.

I started off square bashing in Wilmslow, then off to Wiltshire for switchboard training, after that to another posting in Wiltshire not far from Salisbury. Two pubs, cafe, church and crematorium. You can drive through the village and out the other side before you are aware that you have arrived.

Being of standard height 5'7" I was picked for a few parades. Through Manchester and London past the cenotaph. On one of them we were lent white webbing from the airmen. Unfortunately, halfway through the parade it rained. What a mess, white from the webbing running down our jackets.

You also had to do GDT, that's ground defence training. There were only two females and six gents. I preferred to go with the gents for rifle shooting. We were told and shown what to do, but when our sessions were over the corporal came over and asked who the h... was on three (me). He was angry. I had hit every shot, at the number three not the black and white image below. Well I did reach the distance and would have caught part of the enemy's patrol !!

I have been to some interesting camps up and down the country. My last one was Uxbridge and the telephone room was right next door to the plotting room, the one you see in black and white war films, where they move aeroplanes across a map. I had only been there three hours when I was called to the office to be told that I was posted to Gibraltar. Shortest posting I ever had.

I was there for two and a half years. Met my husband and married there. I had done five years' service. For the next fifteen years I followed him around the world. These days you can marry and have children yet stay in the Airforce, then you had to come out as soon as you married.

From there it was back to the UK for two years, then off to Singapore for a year. I was so disappointed when my husband came home one day and said we were posted again. I'd been enjoying the sun and wasn't ready to return to the cold. It turned out to be ok, because we were posted six hundred miles north to Penang in Malaya. That is such a pretty island.

In Singapore we used to watch the children going home from school, spitting and urinating in the drains. Not anymore, it is now one of the cleanest places to visit, no one is allowed chewing gum. It all has to be put in the rubbish bin before being allowed to leave the airport.

In Singapore I remember when we hired two rickshaws, one child in each of them and we had a race down the main high street, such fun. My youngest had a rounded face which the Chinese liked and were very kind to them.

We were in a small hotel for a few weeks awaiting accommodation. The TV was on and a western playing, the geckos were imitating gunfire every time a shoot out was on. Remember Septamus the spider from the Dan Dare comic? One evening we were watching TV and up across the settee came this spider? or ? anyway it looked like a ladybird with long legs and big feet, as if it was wearing boots, two inches high and long, lovely colours across its back with a gold spot. Some of us screamed and the gardener came rushing in with a spray can of rackasan (?) it took ages to get rid of it. ugh! Singapore used to be very smelly, especially in the Durian season. They say it tastes like strawberry and cream, but in order to taste it you had to get it past your nose as it smelled like a much used elision toilet !! It is now one of the cleanest places.

Penang was a different place altogether, not smelly like Singapore and so pretty. The heat out there was tremendous and you were always changing your clothes. The locals were very good at dressmaking. You could have a dress made for £1 or £2 and a suit for a man for £5. They were not made to last forever, yet some of the material was very good. It was 1968 when I was there, and some of the dresses I have made into a patchwork cover, the material is still going strong.

I remember when there was a disturbance and we all had to stay indoors. We were told to hang a towel over the balcony if we needed help, and the patrol would stop. One evening we had a party in the house opposite mine. When the patrol stopped and asked if we were ok one of the guests who was dressed as a vicar and said yes. (They did not notice his bible was the book Lady Chatterley's Lover.)

On our next overseas posting, there was another disturbance, or small war !! and that was Cyprus. That is also a beautiful place. You know when you are in someone else's country and you treat them as such, because you are the visitor. When you do, they are the kindest people around. Lots of people didn't do that. So many people thought they were better than the locals.

In many places I was treated like royalty. I found it also helps if you can learn a sentence or two of their language, or at least some words to get around the markets. Makes all the difference. In the far east there were too many languages, so I enrolled in local cooking class with Madam Po, the equivalent of our Delia Smith. It came in very handy in Cyprus when I cooked a seven course Chinese meal for UN soldiers and their wives. 27 in all.

Now I do not pine for hot holidays and travelling, my feet do not itch anymore to travel, twenty years was enough, now I explore our UK. Now it is back to civvy life.

When we travelled my husband was always bumping into someone he knew! I never did. Although I made a few friends who are still on my Christmas card list.

Thank you for enjoying my adventures! last one No.3 next time

Phyllis Walker.

A Grand Day Out

The 10 plus walking group restarted official walks in mid-September. During the summer months, as lockdown restrictions eased, some of us have been walking informally. On a sunny day in early September we set off from Saltburn and headed south along the Cleveland Way towards Skinningrove. The scenery on this section is spectacular, with dramatic views across the sea from the 300 feet high cliffs. It was generally agreed that if the weather was always as good as this we would not feel the need to travel abroad!

On the way we passed 3 metal sculptures commissioned by Skelton & Brotton Parish Council and placed here some 30 years ago. Each sculpture is made from steel, reflecting the historic importance of the local industry. The first is a trawl door, the second a marker post and the third a 7 foot diameter circle representing a type of pit prop used in ironstone mining. On the circle are hung ten sculpted 3-dimensional images, all relating to Skelton & Brotton Parish: Thor's hammer (representing

metal working), a ring, mermaid's purse (found on the shore), a cat (in the 12th century wild cats were hunted here), a starfish, a Cleveland Bay horse, a pigeon, a mermaid, a nautilus, and a piece of protoplasm (basic to all life).



(photo by Brian Smith)

The mermaid replaced an owl which went missing many years ago. The sculptures were made by Richard Farrington at nearby British Steel Skinninggrove.

We left the Cleveland Way at the top of Cattersty Steps and followed a cliff top path into Carlin How, where we joined the Cleveland Street walk. Heading towards North Skelton we stopped for lunch at the site of a disused ironstone mine. We crossed the railway which transports material from the Cleveland Potash mine at Boulby, and continued until we reached the Lingdale to Skelton road. A short stretch of road walking brought us to Trout Hall Lane to rejoin the Cleveland Way and return to Saltburn.

Group walks are typically 10 to 14 miles in length and at present are held on Wednesdays. Some of you may be wondering why we are able to walk in groups despite the restrictions on social gatherings. The answer is that our walks are classed as organised outdoor physical activities. Subject to undertaking Covid specific risk assessments these are exempt from the "rule of 6". Members do however need to book a place in advance so that the maximum group size is not exceeded.

Hazel Merrigold

Do you have a story, an event, music or performance you'd like to share? If so please contact Pam, so we can all enjoy it.

Guisborough Town Hall Public Progress Report

Hazel Meynell, Deputy Mayor of Guisborough, has confirmed I may share with you the report she sent me. Although the end of September has passed, please contact Hazel direct, if you're interested in becoming a Friend or would like to be kept informed of progress.

As someone who has previously expressed an interest in the Guisborough Town Hall Project, you are being sent this information to provide an update on progress and to ascertain if you are still interested in the project.

Due to restrictions imposed by the Covid 19 pandemic it has not been possible to have a large public meeting, as in previous years, to inform residents of Guisborough about the status of the project.

You may have seen reports in the press last December announcing that the partnership formed by Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council and Guisborough Town Hall Gateway Project had been successful in obtaining over £1.1 million pounds from The National Lottery Heritage Fund to enable Guisborough Town Hall to be restored.

The scheduled start-up of the Town Hall project has, like many other such schemes around the country, suffered delays due to the pandemic and technical issues within the council. We are now pleased to inform you that progress has finally been made and contractors will soon be visible working on the building.

Also, early this year the members of the Town Hall Gateway Project Group came to the decision to change the status of the group in line with the changing responsibilities that were evolving as the next phase of the project started. The Guisborough Town Hall Gateway Project is now **Guisborough Town Hall Gateway CIC Ltd** (Community Interest Company Ltd). This company is registered at Companies House and is operated by a board of Directors. One of the aims of the new company is to involve a larger affiliated group of residents, who will be known as The Friends of Guisborough Town Hall. It is hoped that the Friends Group will include volunteers who will help to run the community facility being developed on the ground floor of the Town Hall and will possibly also help with fund raising activities to help cover the running costs for the community facilities.

In response to this progress report we would like to know:

- 1) Are you still interested in being kept informed about progress on the work in the Town Hall?
- 2) Would you like to become a member of The Friends of Guisborough Town Hall?

Residents who form the initial Friends Group will be sent regular updates on progress and will be consulted about volunteering opportunities as the refurbishment work progresses.

A response to the above questions by the end of September, would be much appreciated.

The Directors Guisborough Town Hall Gateway CIC

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Gateway to the
North York Moors
National Park



KEEP SAFE:

If you're interested in receiving information from the Police, please sign up to the following link to Cleveland Connected

<https://www.clevelandconnected.co.uk/>

Also the "No Cold Calling Homes" scheme is run by our Trading Standards Team and the link below gives further information and details of how you can register to receive your information pack and window sticker.

<https://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/business/trading-standards/Pages/No-Cold-Calling-Scheme.aspx>

Your temp. sub. ed. has one of the door stickers. I simply point to it when I get a cold caller and they go away. Very few cold callers approach as they recognise the door sticker. If callers see the notice and still try to engage me in conversation, I say I'll report them to the Police. Following an iffy start with the stickers when the scheme started, the glue will now outlast the strongest door and the colours on the notice don't fade.

If you require any further information, please don't hesitate to ask.

Claire Bognar

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THE THIRD AGE TRUST U3A NEWSLETTER has lots of interesting items, as usual. Please consider subscribing if you haven't already. It's free and provides links to what's happening around the rest of the country.

The September edition includes articles on:

- ✓ U3A Radio.
- ✓ An initiative to change the patronising, negative narrative about older people.
- ✓ Maths Week 2020 – events on 9, 11 and 13 November. 2-3pm on Zoom. And an invitation to try some of the Maths puzzles.
- ✓ Ideas and news from other U3As,

✓ and much more.

U3A THIRD AGE TRUST AGM, held on line on 29/9/20.

This is a summary of the Third Age Trust (TAT) AGM I attended on behalf of the Committee on 29 September 2020. The Committee had agreed to vote against the proposal to increase members' subscriptions and the Chair and Treasurer allocated their votes to me, so I had 3 votes to cast on behalf of Guisborough U3A. The AGM was held online via an organisation 'Lumi' which managed it well. All information was clear, Sam Mauger, the Company Secretary (and Chief Executive) was excellent, conducting everything clearly and professionally. Log in was easy with a unique password, the volume of speakers was good, the voting forms clear and large enough to see, and time was allowed for voting and item 6.

As I was authorised only to vote against the proposed increase in membership subscriptions which were resolutions 4 and 5, I abstained on all other agenda items.

The meeting began at 10am. 421 U3As were taking part, collectively holding 974 votes, with 600 members attending. (40% of all U3As carry 45% of available votes.) Proxy votes could be given to either the Company Secretary or another U3A in advance.

1. Approve the Minutes of the last AGM. 614 votes in favour, none against, didn't catch the number of abstentions.

2. Receive the Chair's report.

Amongst other things, Ian McCannah reported that the Trust had taken cost cutting measures in view of the impact of Covid 19 and recognised the financial impact on branches. The location of the national office is being reviewed. There are approximately 10,000 committee members across the movement. Beacon is self-funding, used by 440 U3As and is supported by 67 volunteers.

A lot of questions had been received about Beacon. Weekly meetings took place with the provider. Answers to these questions and others will be provided separately, as there was insufficient time available during the AGM to respond to them.

There are 27,639 subscribers to the online National Newsletter. The Development Plan was mentioned. Production of the Third Age Magazine (TAM) is self-supporting from advertising. There was a balance to be drawn between hard copy production and mailing vs an online version which had been requested by some members.

3. Approve accounts 2020

Votes for 697, against 0, abstain 32.

4. Appoint auditors

Votes for 678, against 9, abstain 38.

5. Announce the appointment 7 regional Trustees to serve as Ordinary Elected Directors. Voting had taken place earlier, online. Only one had been contested.

6. Common debate relating to resolutions 4 and 5 and the amendment to resolution

4. [It was explained that "Common" is a technical term.] (11.20am.) To be passed a

resolution required a simple majority of votes in favour. The resolution receiving the highest number of votes in support would succeed. Abstentions would not be counted as abstaining represented a decision not to vote.

Delegates registered to vote were invited to send questions and comments on items 7, 8 and 9. 10 minutes was allowed for this, followed by a 10 minute break to allow them to be summarised.

At 12.20pm Sam Mauger thanked everyone for the many comments received and gave 2 examples of each in favour and against.

Resolution 4: A cautious approach was required and the subscription could be increased in future. The Board should hold back on development until it was clearer what was needed. There would be a financial impact on members. The impact on smaller U3As may be severe.

The amendment: Supported the increase but it was the wrong time, postpone the decision until the next AGM. Practicalities of membership falling in next couple of years. Branches need an opportunity to restore membership levels. Charities hold reserves to meet emergencies such as covid. The Board must recognise the proposal has generated strong feelings against.

Resolution 5: An increase of 50p was justified for technological development. £1 increase was justified but the Board needs to consider smaller U3As. The Development Plan, local and national needs post covid need to be assessed. U3As are struggling to retain members and the Board needs to look at the national business model. This is about retention and survival.

General: This is the time to invest in development to support U3As. Appreciate an increase is needed but timing is unfortunate. (Missed one.) Having difficulty collecting membership fees at present and this (specified) U3A may not survive.

7. Vote on amendment to resolution 4

To increase the subscription to £4 w.e.f. the payment due from U3As 1/4/23 to allow the current turbulent circumstances to settle, members' needs and the organisation's priorities to be clarified.

Votes for 261, against 474, abstain 11. Therefore the amendment was not carried.

8. Vote on resolution 4.

Proposed by the Board of Trustees. To increase the subscription to £4 w.e.f. the payment due from U3As 1/4/22. This would restore the real value of £3.50 in 2010.

Votes for 508, against 221, abstain 22. Therefore carried and passed.

9. Vote on resolution 5

Proposed by Chipping Norton & Area U3A. To increase the subscription to £4.50 per member w.e.f. 1/4/22.

Votes for 121, against 621, abstain 11. Therefore failed and not carried.

10. Close AGM. Closed by the Chair.

Presentation: 'Raising the Profile, the next chapter' by Ed Link, Chair of Communications and External Affairs Committee. 12.55pm. Summary.

Ed referred amongst other things to the 2017 Development Plan that had been developed with membership consultation. Pre covid: Overall membership falling; number of U3As opening falling; Number of U3As with fewer members than the previous year increasing. Must act to sustain the movement and attract the next generation of retirees who would be media and tech savvy people.

The new brand image was a simplified logo, ie u3a (nb lower case). Range of geometric shapes based on the logo for use in publicity. Use colours to make a different impact, eg blue on white, blue on yellow, white on red. With and without 'learn, laugh, live'. New trifold leaflets available free to download via the new online branded goods shop (wef 5/10/20). New look website.

1.22pm. In view of the long time duration from the start of the AGM, members were invited to send questions/comments by email, to which responses would be sent.

Pam Rayment.

Back to Guisborough and environs. We know many Members are beginning to feel bored and wish to get back to their activities. Please don't be lonely.

Lynda kindly says "If you 're feeling a bit lonely or bored and fancy a chat, please given me a ring." Lynda also invited us to her garden for a socially distanced chat but, as the weather has turned, that might have to wait until next year now!

You may also get in touch with either Diana Wardill, our Membership Secretary or the temporary deputy sub ed.

GU3A PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP (These photos are published at the end to leave everyone with a smile)

We are circulating photos of our gardens and of views and anything else seen while out and about taking our daily exercise! They really help to keep us in touch. Margaret.

A beautiful red apple where the sun is just shining on it - Ann Willis



Laurel and Hardy at Redcar - Dorothy Robins



My favourite sculpture in Guisborough - Joan Smith



Bousedale - Guisborough - Martin Davis



Mother and daughter - Margaret Grant



Hmm! When's my turn? - Margaret Wallen



Surprise - a juvenile woodpecker in my garden - Pauline Taylor



Country garden - Vera Sewell



So, there are Fairies after all - Pam Rayment.



GU3A Alternative Newsletter Sub Editor (temporary!)