

SARUM U3A
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held at St Francis Church on
Wednesday 20th March, 2019 at 10.30

1 Apologies: None

2 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 21st March, 2018

Proposed: Edward Boaden, Seconded: Sue Tranter. Adopted unanimously.

3 Matters Arising: None.

4 Chairman's Report:

I'm pleased to report another extremely successful year for Sarum U3A, now celebrating the 25th anniversary of its founding.

- Membership stands at over 450, a similar number to last year.
- We ran 68 interest groups, the highest number of any U3A in Wiltshire.
- Attendance at Monthly Meetings averaged 126 members, five more than last year.
- We have enjoyed some fine speakers at our monthly meetings, including Mark Wilson telling the Story of Fabergé, Fran Sandham describing his Solo Walk Across Africa and Jane Glennie in character as a Suffering Suffragette.
- Our visits programme was well supported, with seven day trips, amongst others, to Hever Castle, Bletchley Park and Greenwich Observatory.
- In 2018 we ran two study days – a felting session organised by Liz Cork and a Falconry Experience Day organised by Maureen Pardy.
- Our website continues to be packed with information on speakers, groups and visits, supplemented by a multitude of photos; and also articles and information on U3A activities worldwide. Pam Robinson, our webmaster, is retiring from the committee today, having done an excellent job over the past five years.
- The noticeboard contains a wealth of information including U3A news, opportunities, legal advice helpline and external events.
- Our monthly newsletter is an entertaining and informative read, containing reports on group activities, future events, committee news and the hotly contested "photo of the month" competition.
- We have a comprehensive church emergency evacuation plan in place thanks to our diligent Health and Safety Officer.
- Our finances are again in very good order and we do not anticipate the need for an increase in membership fee in the near future. Sarum U3A members receive value from their membership fee that is second to none in this area.
- On two occasions in the last 12 months the local digital TV station, That's TV Salisbury, sent their reporter to our monthly meeting to conduct interviews with committee members.
- We are again pleased to have had the attendance before our monthly meetings of Sally Fairall from Age UK providing advice on a range of matters from benefits entitlement to transport, to help at home.

At this point I'd like to thank the people who have made all of the above happen. Firstly, thanks to all the group leaders who make Sarum U3A the splendid organisation that it is.

Next, thanks to our excellent committee, in alphabetical order: Janet Death (Business Secretary), Elaine Evernden (Groups Organiser), Ed Garman (Newsletter Editor), Jim Hassard (Health and Safety officer), Angela King (Visits Organiser helped by Pam Machell), Tim MacMahon (Public Relations Officer), Maureen Pardy (Treasurer and Study Days Organiser), Alan Reeve (Membership Secretary), Pam Robinson (Webmaster) and Sue Tranter (Speakers Secretary). Also thanks to co-opted member Malcolm Burrows, who hopes to take on the webmaster role from today.

I'd also like to thank: David Whetton for managing the audio/visual equipment; Liz Anthony, Margaret Seymour, Jan Ellis and Angela Slingsby for running the book table; Sandra Yates for distributing the newsletter; Pat Carter, Barbara Milward, Heather Balston and Elizabeth Butters for maintaining the register; Judith Copeland for examining the accounts; Brenda and Mike Talbot, Julie Atkinson, Christine Baron, Heather Balston and Marilyn Beattie for the catering arrangements; Nick Abbott and Judith Copeland for supplying the drinks for the parties; and Maureen Pardy for organising the coffee rota. And finally I'd like to thank Charlie Davies, the church caretaker, for setting up the main church and chapter room for us over the year so cheerfully.

Approval of chairman's report. Proposed by Malcolm Burrows, seconded by Pam Robinson and unanimously adopted.

5 Treasurer's Report and Approval of accounts.

The treasurer explained the accounts in a clear and exemplary manner and then asked for any questions. Charles Gates asked why the Gift Aid was less this year. The Treasurer explained that Gift Aid is not recoverable on the portion of the membership fee used for the magazine subscription, and since the charge for each magazine had increased then subsequently the amount of Gift Aid had gone down.

The acceptance of accounts: Proposed by Tim Mac Mahon, Seconded by Mary Paisey. The Accounts were approved unanimously.

6 ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO THE COMMITTEE

Role	Nominee	Proposer	Seconded
Chairman			
Business Secretary	Janet Death	Mary Paisey	Susan Radclyffe
Treasurer	Maureen Pardy	David Dunwell	John Staley
Membership Secretary	Alan Reeve	Mary Paisey	David Dunwell
Groups Organiser	Elaine Evernden	David Dunwell	John Winders
Speakers' Secretary	Sue Tranter	John Staley	Sandra Yates
Webmaster	Malcolm Burrows	Mary Paisey	Susan Radclyffe
Newsletter Editor	Ed Garman	John Staley	David Dunwell
H&S Officer	Jim Hassard	Sandra Yates	Susan Radclyffe
Visits Organiser	Angela King	Mary Paisey	David Dunwell
Public Relations Officer	Tim MacMahon	John Staley	Mary Paisey

Acceptance of the officers en bloc. Proposed Daphne Torok, seconded Pompey Parry. The committee were elected en bloc unanimously.

7 Appointment of Accounts Examiner

Judith Copeland was nominated to audit the accounts. Proposed by Linda Farrow, seconded Pauline Watts. She was unanimously appointed.

The Chairman thanked Pam Robinson for her five years as webmaster and presented her with a book token.

Tim MacMahon thanked Gordon for his years as chairman, the past five years and seven years out of the last nine. He presented him with a gift of a bottle of wine.

8 Date of the next meeting: 18th March, 2020.