

## SARUM U3A

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held at St Francis Church on Wednesday 21st March, 2018 at 10.30

**1 Apologies:** David Miesner, Janet Death, Alan and Sheila Wood, Daphne Torok.

**2 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2017**

Proposed: John Hart, Seconded: Sue Tranter. Adopted unanimously.

**3 Matters Arising:** None.

**4 Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman was pleased to report another extremely successful year for Sarum U3A, now 24 years since it was founded.

During the last year we ran 70 interest groups, the highest number of any U3A in Wiltshire.

Membership stands at around 462, 30 more than last year, and our numbers continue to increase.

We have enjoyed some fine speakers at our monthly meetings, including Ian Caskie on the story of SS Great Britain, the extraordinary Francis Burroughes on the Wonderful World of Glass and the author Julie Summers on Jambusters, the story of the Women's Institute in the Second World War.

Attendance at Monthly Meetings averaged 121 members, slightly down on 2016-17, possibly due to parking restrictions at St Francis Church,

The Sarum U3A visits programme was well supported, with six day-trips including to the the State Rooms of Buckingham Palace, the Living Museum at Dudley and a visit to Dartmouth. We also organised a wine tour to the Beaujolais region of France.

In 2017 we ran three study days – two sessions of Willow Hare sculpture and one of Glass Fusion. This year we hope to organise at least a gliding study day – it was cancelled last year for operational reasons. We held a U3A awareness day along with the other U3As of Salisbury in the Market Square on 6<sup>th</sup> May. Our website is still packed with information on the activities of Sarum U3A – speakers, groups, visits, dozens of photos, also articles and information on U3A activities worldwide.

The noticeboard contains a wealth of information – opportunities, external events, and so on.

Our monthly newsletter goes from strength to strength with the "photo of the month" competition hotly contested.

We have a comprehensive church emergency evacuation plan in place thanks to our 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.

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.

The Chairman ended by thanking all the group leaders and members of the committee and all the other volunteers who contribute to the success of Sarum U3A.

**5 Treasurer's Report and Approval of accounts.**

The treasurer commented that the very slight loss this year compared to last is welcome as we have adequate funds. The acceptance of accounts: Proposed by Malcolm Burrows, Seconded by Kathi Sharp. The Accounts were approved unanimously.

## 6 Proposed changes to the constitution:

We are required by The Third Age Trust to alter our Objects to the following to conform with the requirements of The Charity Commission.

*The advancement of education and, in particular, the education of older people and those who are retired from full time work, by all means including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development.*

Other changes are additions the committee considered appropriate:

2.2 Co-operate with other charities, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities.

3.2 Every individual member shall have one vote.

4.1.ii Not more than three (3) ordinary members may be co-opted to the committee.

6 COMMUNICATIONS. Notices of meetings, documents and other communications from the U3A to a member may be sent by electronic communication provided the U3A wishes to do so and the relevant member wishes to receive them in this way and provides an appropriate electronic address to the U3A. It is the responsibility of that member to notify the U3A of any change to that address and to comply with any security or other procedures determined by the Committee for such communications. Any member may opt to return to hard copy communications at any time.

Adoption of these changes: Proposed by Malcolm Burrows, Seconded by John Baber. Adopted unanimously.

## 7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO THE COMMITTEE: This item was taken by Linda Farrow

Role	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
Chairman	Gordon Parady	Linda Farrow	John Staley
Business Secretary	Janet Death	David Whetton	John Staley
Treasurer	Maureen Parady	Jean McFarlane	Kathleen Stewart
Membership Secretary	Alan Reeve	Alec Jordan	Jean McFarlane
Groups Organiser & Vice Chair	Elaine Evernden	Gill Cartwright	David Whetton
Speakers' Secretary	Sue Tranter	Gill Cartwright	Jean McFarlane
Webmaster	Pamela Robinson	Alec Jordan	John Staley
Newsletter Editor	Ed Garman	David Miesner	Linda Farrow
H&S Officer	Jim Hassard	Jean McFarlane	Maxine Gibson
Visits Organiser	Angela King	Linda Farrow	Kathleen Stewart
Public Relations Officer	Tim MacMahon	Kathleen Stewart	Maxine Gibson
Committee Member	Malcolm Burrows	Alec Jordan	Maxine Gibson

The committee were elected en bloc unanimously.

## 8 Appointment of Accounts Examiner

This will be the 25<sup>th</sup> year that Alan Wood has audited the accounts for SARUM U3A.

Alan Wood was proposed by Linda Farrow and seconded by Phyllis Babb. He was appointed unanimously.

The Chairman then thanked David Miesner for his work as Editor of the Newsletter and Linda Farrow for her work as Groups Organiser and latterly Business Secretary and Vice Chair and presented her with a book token.

## 9 Date of the next meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.

