

**SOAR VALLEY U3A**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Tuesday 31st May 2022**  
**at 2.00pm in Normanton on Soar Village Hall**

**Members present:** 69

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially any new members. Fire exits were pointed out, together with names of the fire stewards on duty. He told the members why this AGM is only six months after the previous one. It was decided to bring the 2022 AGM forward to May so that we can return to March in 2023.  
**Apologies:** Mary and Jeremy Lowden, Sid and Carol Perry, Marilyn Wood
2. The minutes of the 2021 A.G.M. held on 30th November 2021 have been posted on the web site and on the notice board. Acceptance as a true record was proposed by Mike Sharpe, seconded by Paul Hobson. Agreed.
3. **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising from the minutes.
4. **Chairman's Report (Brian Hinnners):**  
The Chairman read out the names of nominations for the Management Committee with their nominees. These were proposed en bloc by Diana Plant, seconded by Jan Fileman and unanimously accepted.  
Appointment of Jeff Bradley as auditor was proposed by Fred Ing and seconded by Diana Plant. Agreed.  
The Chairman reported that membership currently stands at 326 but Marilyn has had great difficulty collecting all membership subscriptions which were due on 1st March and some are still outstanding. It has been agreed by the committee that, in future, if renewal has not been received following email and newsletter reminders, a final reminder letter will be sent informing the members concerned that their names will be removed from the membership list and they will no longer be able to take part in SVu3a activities.  
Mary Lowden had volunteered to join the committee as Social Representative but now is unable to continue because of family and other commitments.  
Positive Covid tests, either before or subsequent to members attending group events, has prompted the committee to produce a Member Code of Conduct. This was placed on the notice board and is published on the website.  
SVu3a is having a stand at the Sutton Bonington Open Gardens Walkabout on 11th/12th June. The Chairman appealed for volunteers from the membership to help man it.
5. **Secretary's Report (Mike Sharpe):**  
Mike reported that we have completed and submitted the annual return to TAT (Third Age Trust) showing the number of full members at 308.
6. **Treasurer's Report (Gill Howdle):**  
Account balance at 28th February (year end) £3554.
7. **Membership Report:** See Chairman's Report above.
8. **Group Co-ordinator's Report (Ian Lloyd):**  
The number of active groups is currently 35. There is a proposal to start a new bridge group and Ian asked members to speak to him if they were interested. There

is also the possibility of a new group meeting for fun and games (board games) twice a month between March and October.

We are also exhibiting at the Sutton Bonington Show on 4th September and volunteers to help were asked to contact Ian.

9. **Social Committee Report:**

In the absence of a Social Representative, Paul Fileman updated members on the plans for the Jubilee Party on 15th July. It is being held from 2pm-6.30pm, with a barbecue, live band, singing, dancing, nice cake and a cash bar. Tickets are £10. Red, white and blue dress code if possible. He appealed for volunteers to help with strawberries and cream and also for decoration of the room.

10. **Outings Report (Roger Golds):**

Roger gave members details of the outing planned for Wednesday 6th July to Hardwick Hall. Places on the coach were still available and a list was on the outings table.

With no other business, the Chairman introduced the speaker for the afternoon, Mike Lister with a presentation on the history of playing cards.

Refreshments followed the speaker's talk.