

PADDOCK WOOD U3A ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Minutes of the 6th AGM held at St Andrews Church, Thursday 12th October 2017

Present:

Committee comprising:

Andy Wickham	Chairman	John Spoor	Treasurer
Cheryl Linnegar	Secretary	Colin Beavington	Membership Sec
Jay Pye	Speakers Coord	Fred Lemont	Publicity/Marketing
Jenny Carney	Welfare Coord	Dawn Kirk	Welcome Group

Apologies:

Jan Wheddon, Michèle Sinclair, Ann Tutt

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Accepted and seconded as correct by the Floor.

Membership Secretary's Report

Colin Beavington reported that as of today's date there are 460 members with 67 new and 32 leaving this year. The proportion of Paddock Wood members has fallen to less than 50% but membership continues to increase steadily as in previous years. Two thirds of membership are female with the remaining one third being male.

Subscriptions for 2018 will remain at £12 for individuals and £20 for a couple at the same address.

Members were told that there is now a new bank account and details are on the website. Any bank transfers for membership should be forwarded to the new bank.

Treasurers Report

John Spoor advised that the summary of the Accounts have been certified by an Independent Examiner as a good representation of what had taken place during the year. The figures were explained in detail as follows:

- A. Total balance £5,601.85 against the previous year's of £7,825.85
- B. Reduced surplus due to decreased income and an increase in expenditure
- C. Meeting Fees discontinued
- D. Purchase of defibrillator
- E. Equipment costs
- F. Subscription costs reduced

Members were reminded that Interest Groups could apply for a grant up to £100 for equipment relevant to their particular subjects.

The Accounts were unanimously agreed.

Chairman's Report

Andy Wickham shared with the Members an overview of all that has been happening at PWU3A over the past year.

The first ever U3A Holiday/Study Day organised by Michèle Sinclair with 60 attending in November 2016 with more booked for 2017. Michèle also organises the Christmas Meeting and the Study Trips which have also been very successful and with more planned for 2018.

There have been many excellent speakers for the Monthly Meetings organised by Jay Pye and there has also been a full programme of Seminars, some led by our own members.

The Summer Fayre held for the first time in August this year was very successful despite poor weather and may be held again in 2018.

Chairman's Report cont/.....

There are now 67 different Interest Groups and the Quattro Team continue to organise four events throughout the year which have proved to be very popular.

Andy Wickham continued with thanking all those involved in the Welcome Team, Welfare Team and Theatre Group and went on to commend unsung heroes rewards to the following:

Barry Edney for his work in sourcing the defibrillator in time for the PWU3A 5th Birthday.

Maureen Haywood for the London photographic trips.

Andy Mackay for introducing the Online Learning Course.

Esther Garrity for the Adult Education sessions with more to come.

Neil Lyn and Roger Woods for their help in setting up the audio and chairs for meetings.

Jeremy Thompson for organising the Mainly Men Pocahontas river trip.

Andy conveyed his thanks to all including many not mentioned above. A bouquet of flowers was presented to Joyce Cahill for her help with the refreshment rota over the past two years.

Election of Committee

Colin Mark is not standing for re-election this year and was thanked for all his hard work during the year with the presentation of a small gift. The position of Group Interest Coordinator is currently vacant.

All remaining Committee Members were willing to continue in their current roles.

There was a unanimous show of hands by the Members for approval of the above Committee.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.40pm

Chairman _____

Date _____