

MINUTES
DORKING AND DISTRICT U3A
26TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Christian Centre, Dorking
10 May 2017

Committee members present: Doreen Raine (Acting Chairman), Lionel Cartlidge (Secretary), Michael Docker (Treasurer), Jenny Ford, Jim Docking, Tony Parker, Geoff Saunders, Pat Smith, Bob Crooks.

Apologies: Penny Tomkins

1. Chairman's Welcome: Doreen warmly welcomed all members present.

2. Minutes of 25th AGM, 11 May 2016: The Minutes were agreed by all members present.

3. Annual Report from the Acting Chairman:

- 25th Anniversary Year: Doreen spoke highly of the many and well-supported events of the year which included quiz nights, a celebration tea, a dinner at Betchworth Golf Club, an Open Day at the Christian Centre and a commemorative plaque on a bench overlooking the lake at Meadowbank. She made special mention of several original members who are still serving the U3A.
- She thanked all who had given time and thought to serving the organisation, including the Committee, group leaders, the Newsletter Editor, the Days Out Committee and all the members who make tea, proof-read, deliver or just pull together and get on with the job.
- The retiring organisers of the Days Out Committee were thanked and given flowers as recognition of their cheerful thoroughness.
- New interest groups: these are being created all the time in response to members' requests and this year has seen the introduction of Online courses.
- The committee will be building on the enthusiastic response to various social events and are planning a picnic in August.
- She welcomed the new committee and thanked them for their willingness to take things forward.

4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for March 31st 2016-17: Mike Docker presented the accounts for the year which had been examined by Ian Hudson. He also thanked Ian for his help and guidance.

- The figures record a healthy balance despite our worries that spending on the 25th Anniversary celebrations might stretch our resources. The Open Day was our most expensive event but its costs were completely covered by a generous donation from the Third Age Trust.
- Increased membership and steady costs contributed to the balance.
- The U3A holds three bank accounts - the main account, one for groups and a third for events & days out.
- Mike showed a Powerpoint presentation of the three accounts, reminding us that these provided only a snapshot. He gave the example that in March there was an influx of subscriptions which means they will not show up on the 2017-18 figures.
- He pointed out that the largest spending from the main account is on the Third Age Trust capitation fee (£3.50 per head), a contribution to the mailing costs

of the magazines 'Third Age Matters' and 'Sources' and the printing of our quarterly Newsletter.

- There is much activity in the Groups account particularly as several groups have proved to be very popular and are expanding.
- The Social Events account is also very busy and Mike thanked Jean Williams and her team for their time and effort in organising the Days Out for several years.
- Mike concluded by commenting that the finances were in a very healthy state. There were no questions from the floor and the Accounts were passed by members.

5. Election of Officers and Committee: Nominations for one-year appointments to the Committee were passed unopposed and en bloc.

Committee members: Lionel Cartlidge, Bob Crooks, Mike Docker, Jim Docking, Jenny Ford, Tony Parker, Geoff Saunders, Pat Smith.

The following Officers were appointed unopposed for a two-year term:

Doreen Raine	Chairman
Penny Tomkins	Vice Chairman
Irene Pinner	Hon. Secretary

We hope that the position of Treasurer will be filled in the near future. In the interim Mike Docker will continue to act as Treasurer.

6. Any other business: no matters were raised.

The meeting ended at 14.25.

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Date of next AGM: 9 May, 2017