



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 26 JULY 2016 AT 2.00PM

HELD AT

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH

1 Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the members present.

2 Present

78 members

3 Apologies

Tony Smith Guy Sinfield Joan Gibson Lesley Roberts

4 Minutes of the Meeting 28 July 2015

The Minutes were read out to the meeting and agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by Chair, John Howlett.

5 Chairman's Report

The Chair reported that general meetings have been held at the Church each month and a variety of speakers have been welcomed on topics such as fire safety, horticulture and medical charities. Not forgetting the hilarious talk on 'Four weddings and four funerals' – the story of Bess of Hardwick – at last month's meeting. Thanks to Anne Stapley, speaker seeker.

Special events have included coffee and mince pies in December with entertainment by a female barbers shop quartet, August cream tea and the social evening at Blackfordby village hall in early July when we were entertained by a rock group playing 50s and 60s favourites. All these events have been popular and well attended.

Through the Leicestershire and Rutland U3A network, Ashby U3A will attempt to emulate Surrey U3As by organising joint study days. Our recommendation is for a study day on modern technology.

The Chair thanked the Committee Members for all for their good work throughout the year. A vote of thanks was made to 3 members standing down this year namely, Anne Stapley, speaker seeker; Anne Thompson, welfare officer and Neil Roberts, treasurer. Thank you cards were presented to them.

6 Treasurers Report

The Income and Expenditure Account for the period July 2015 to June 2016 is attached to the Minutes. The Events Account statement is also attached.

Neil Roberts, Treasurer, reported that the membership has increased from 197 to 222. The Social evening cost increased from £600 in 2015 to £655 in 2016. The Events Account shows a small loss but all trips aim to break even and this has been achieved for the most part.

7 Group Co-ordinators Report

James Bloor reported that there are now 20 Groups with the addition of one new group this year, Recorder Playing. The Calligraphy Group is full and Medium Walks needs new members. He expressed thanks to all the Group Leaders for their dedication and hard work. The reports to general meetings are appreciated.

An up to date list of members in each Group is important and it is requested that all members advise the Group Leader if they are no longer attending a group.

8 Election of Committee

Completed Nomination Forms were received from 3 Committee Members requesting Re-Election as follows:

Anne Donegan

James Bloor

Dorothy Chapman

All elected unanimously

A completed Nomination Form for a new member of the Committee was received from

Colin David Ellis, elected unanimously.

The meeting closed at 2.25pm

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