

Annual General Meeting Wycliffe, Lutterworth U3A March 14th

Chair: Eddie Hemsley

Apologies: Dot Barnard, Marilyn Hemsley, Gill Watmore, Anne Rose, Anne Durham.

Notices:

1. Walking Group: The car park at the Rec. is being re-surfaced, so parking for 3 weeks is impossible. Walkers to go directly to start of walk.
2. April 7th "The Magic Flute" Be aware that there may still be restrictions on parking. Do not use the Leisure Centre as barriers close at night.
3. Snails' Pace walk is on April 11th at Market Bosworth. Contact Sheila by phone.

Minutes of last meeting:

Read by Eddie with no matters arising. The minutes were accepted as a true report.

Proposed: Chris Brady and seconded by Jane Clarke.

Chairman's Report:

Eddie gave an entertaining and engaging resume of his experiences and achievements during his role as Chair of the U3A. He stated that he had grown into the role, which had been quite demanding during his three years of office. Continuity and growth in the number of Interest Groups and membership has been encouraging, as Wycliffe now has about 230 enrolled. Historically the U3A had its inception in France, where continued learning during retirement was stressed. Today there is more of an emphasis on leisure activities, which are fed by the many varied skills and specialities from the membership. More than 100 attend monthly meetings to enjoy talks by guest speakers. In future, a working group will undertake the task of finding new speakers, as this is time consuming. Eddie's ambassadorial role has encouraged many to join the Groups ("our life blood") and 6 new activities have been started recently. He sees the social events and outings as adding a further dimension, as for example, last summer at the Misterton Garden Party when, together with the Rotary Club, £165 was raised for LOROS.

He ended by thanking all Group Leaders and Members of the Committee for their hard work and support during his term of office; it had been very much appreciated. He particularly thanked Julian for his long service as a committee member and for being a very able and supportive Vice-Chairman.

Office of Chairman:-

No nominations were received for a new Chair.

Interim measures: Eddie to conduct monthly meeting until a new Chair can be found

Committee Elections

The existing Committee members were unanimously voted in for a further year apart from Julian who had decided to stand down. Sue Creedon and George Robertson were also duly elected as Committee members.

Treasurer's Report:

Fees of £12 per person are due to be paid by the April monthly meeting.

Since the accounts are below £5,000 there is no requirement for an audit.

There is a separate Social account, which is covered by insurance.

The account, which showed a small profit, was accepted.

The U3A Magazine now costs £2.50 and can be ordered from Bob
Bob was thanked for his work.

Any Other Business

As there was no other business the meeting was closed.