

MINUTES OF THE KETTERING U3A AGM HELD ON 16TH AUGUST 2022 AT 2PM AT THE EDEN CENTRE,
MONTAGU STREET, KETTERING

PRESENT: DIANE TEBBUTT, RICHARD BOYLES, TONY LOFT, ANNE SMITH, PATRICIA STOKES, SUE PERKINS, RUTH GUNN, ELIZABETH WOODCOCK + MEMBERS

APOLGIES: Marian and David Tucker.

1. The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and gave out important messages about current trips arranged to Denby potteries and Boundary Mills. Lunch Club arranged at the Lilacs in Isham. Maria Coleby and Eileen Mason to take over the Travel Group (proposed trip on Saturday 12th November to either Kew Gardens for £35 or London for £25. Reminder from RB – introduction to Family History on 12th September from 2 until 4 at the Church of Latter Day Saints, Rothwell Road.

2. Attention was drawn to the Health and Safety measures.

3. Minutes of the 2021 AGM were displayed, accepted and signed as a true record. (Proposed by Sue Hart and seconded by Sue Perkins)

4. Matters Arising – none.

5. Chairman's Report: First of all, I would like to take a few moments to remember the members we have sadly lost this year and send our condolences to their family and friends.

I would also like to send best wishes for a speedy recovery to those members who are receiving treatment for different illnesses.

Once again, this has been a difficult year for all organisations including the u3a as membership has fallen due to many reasons. Although we have quite a few new members, it is really important that we attract more so that we can continue to function in a more vigorous and vibrant way. I would like to thank Anne for all the work she has done to publicise the u3a. People, with new ideas willing to step up and start or take over some of the groups, are what is needed. Quite few of our groups have stopped running due to illness, age or lack of members, which is a real shame. Without the support of the few people who are willing to serve on the Committee, as group leaders or as volunteers who help during the meetings Kettering u3a would be unable to continue. I am really grateful for their continued support, friendship and encouragement.

On a positive note, some of the groups have restarted and I would like to thank those people who have volunteered to lead these groups. Thanks to Brenda the Canal and Waterways has restarted and continues to be very popular. The Trips and Theatre group is up and running but unfortunately Norma and Mike Reilly have had to give it up so thanks to Maria and Eileen for stepping in to help. The Lunch Club is also proving to be popular. A new Play Reading group is due to start on Thursday 1st September and some of our new members have some ideas for other groups so watch out for news of these. If anyone has any ideas for groups speak to a member of the Committee.

As it is our 20th Anniversary next year we are planning on organising some sort of celebration. One idea we are pursuing is Afternoon Tea at Wicksteed Park but if you have any other ideas and are willing to organise it please let me know.

I would like to encourage all of you who have access to the Internet to use the Website which is always up to date thanks to Richard and to log on to the Facebook page to keep abreast of things that are being planned.

Membership is due to be renewed in November and so you should be receiving renewal forms at next month's meeting. We have decided that the cost of renewal will remain at £15.

I will now hand over to Ruth for the Treasurer's report.

6. Treasurer's report: The treasurer reported on the last 12 months finances which were available to view online and at the meeting. Although the accounts show a small surplus for the year, that is because we took your subscriptions in the Autumn to cover a full year and the expenditure is only for eight months so next year's accounts will show a deficit if we don't get more members. However, we still have a healthy bank balance which will keep us going for a while.

Since doing this year's accounts we have claimed just over £400 Gift Aid, so thank you to all of you who ticked the little box on your renewal form.

Another way we could get more income is from Amazon. A few of us have signed up to receive a small percentage of everything that we spend with Amazon. It doesn't mean that it costs us any more. If anyone would like help in setting up, please contact me.

As for the subscriptions, I am not sure if you are aware that £4 of every member's subs of £15, goes to the Third Age Trust in capitation fees.

A token of thanks was presented to Eileen Mason for auditing the accounts. The accounts were accepted (Proposed by Maggi McGuire and seconded by Richard Boyles).

7. Elections to the Committee:

Role	Name	
Chairman	Di Tebbutt	Re-elected unopposed
Vice Chairman and PR	Anne Smith	Re-elected unopposed
Secretary	Jane Slack	Re-elected unopposed
Treasurer	Ruth Gunn	Re-elected unopposed
Membership Secretary	Pat Stokes	Re-elected unopposed
IT and Newsletter	Richard Boyles	Re-elected unopposed
Groups Coordinator	Sue Perkins	Re-elected unopposed
Committee member	Tony Loft	Re-elected unopposed
Committee member	Elizabeth Woodcock	Re-elected unopposed

8. Vote of thanks: The Chairman thanked Norma Reilly for all her hard work and ideas. She also thanked Tony Loft for all the work he has done as Speaker Seeker because although he is staying on the Committee, he is stepping down as Speaker Seeker in January. She then thanked every member of the Committee and gave them a small token of her gratitude. Anne Smith thanked Di Tebbutt on behalf of the Committee for her hard work and commitment.

9. Any Other Business: None

10. Meeting closed at 14.40

The meeting was followed by a Quiz and Buffet.