

MINUTES OF THE KETTERING U3A AGM HELD ON 19TH AUGUST 2025 AT 2.15PM AT THE EDEN CENTRE, MONTAGU STREET, KETTERING

PRESENT: DIANE TEBBUTT, TONY LOFT, MARALYN MCLENNAN, PATRICIA STOKES, JANE SLACK, SUE PERKINS, RUTH GUNN, CHRIS GUNN, RICHARD BOYLES, BRENDA BOYLES + 68 MEMBERS

APOLGIES: Susie Manso. Sandra Walker, Reg Carvell, Jacky Rowson, Lesley Russell

1. The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and explained that this would be her last meeting as Chairman. She gave out important messages about Lunch Club, trip to Bletchley Park and Katy Ellis advertised the performance of Calendar Girls (the Musical) in October which she is directing. She explained the
2. Attention was drawn to the Health and Safety measures.
3. Minutes of the 2024 AGM were displayed, accepted and accepted as a true record. (proposed by Marian Tucker and seconded by Cyril Young).

4. Matters Arising – none.

5. Chairman's Report:

Remembered members lost during the year and sent best wishes to those members recovering from illness and treatment.

Membership remains much lower than before Covid and so if anyone has any ideas of how we can advertise our existence, please let us know. We already have adverts in a couple of the local free papers. It is important that numbers grow. The more members we have, hopefully the more groups and opportunities we can offer.

Earlier this year, Richard Boyles attended a Heritage Fair at Chester House to promote the Family History Group and Kettering u3a and next year it will be at Wicksteed Park. In June some members enjoyed a trip on the Rutland Belle. If anyone has ideas for other trips, let us know.

Advised that without the support of the people who are willing to serve on the Committee, as group leaders or volunteer in other ways Kettering u3a would be unable to continue. Thanked Malcolm for auditing the accounts, Les, Cyril and Malcolm for their technical help, Bridget and Richard for manning the New Members table and all those who have organised lunch club during the year. Also thanked the Strictly and Singing groups for their contribution to last year's Christmas party, Bridget for restarting the Short Walks Group and Alf for starting a Creative Writing and Poetry group.

Reported on continued relationship with Ise and attendance to two Northamptonshire Network meetings this year.

Announced that this year's Christmas lunch will be at Kettering Golf Club on Tuesday 2nd December and the cost will be £30.

Thanked Richard for booking some really interesting speakers this year.

Reminded members that renewals are due in November and the cost remains £17 and Gift Aid forms have to be renewed every year.

Thanked Vanessa and Dougie for their support in setting up the room for the meetings and helping with refreshments.

The Chairman then gave each of the members of the Committee a small token of thanks for all their support and hard work.

6. Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported on the last 12 months finances which were available to view online and at the meeting. This year's income was £5,162.45 and expenditure was £4,349.77 which left a surplus of £812.68. Last year the deficit was £995.26. The surplus can be explained by over £200 from the Winterval Concert (thanks to Katy) and also because no invoices for printing had been received. These have now been paid but not in this financial year. £314.22 received from HMRC for Gift Aid and reminded members to fill in Gift Aid forms each year. Thanked Malcolm Eales for auditing the accounts.

No questions.

7. Elections to the Committee:

The Chairman announced that Tony Loft was standing down as Vice Chairman but was staying on the Committee. There had been one nomination for Chairman received from Les Cottingham, seconded by Tricia Cottingham for Richard Boyles to stand as Chairman. The Committee elected as follows:

Role	Name	
Chairman	Richard Boyles	Elected unopposed
Vice Chairman	-----	Vacant
Membership Secretary	Di Tebbutt	Elected unopposed
Secretary and Groups Coordinator	Jane Slack	Re-elected unopposed
Treasurer	Ruth Gunn	Re-elected unopposed
Assistant Treasurer	Chris Gunn	Re-elected unopposed
Programme Secretary, IT and Newsletter	Richard Boyles	Re-elected unopposed
Social Secretary	Brenda Boyles	Elected unopposed
Committee members	Sue Perkins Tony Loft Patricia Stokes Maralyn McLennan	Re-elected unopposed

9. Vote of thanks: Richard gave an acceptance speech for the position of Chairman and Di Tebbutt was presented with a plant and bouquet as a token of thanks.

10. Any Other Business: Members were reminded that if they do not wish to be present in any photographs taken at meetings or trips, they should opt out.