

**MINUTES OF 10TH ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING OF
WHITCHURCH AND DISTRICT U3A**
held on 18th October 2004 at the Archibald Worthington Club

The Chairman, Mrs Grace Cunliffe, welcomed 60 members to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from John Andrews, Ivy Bowyers, Margaret Cooke, Peter Cooke, Audrey Darlington, Rene Fletcher, David Gerty, Margaret Gerty, Vivienne Humphreys, Carol Lermyte, Norman Letchford, Sue Mathews, Michael Mortimer, Barry Nuttall, Pauline Podesta, Tony Podesta, Geof Tither, Margaret Wood.

1. MINUTES: After correction of the name of teller Laurence Green to David Green, it was proposed by Kathleen Ridgway, seconded by Maureen Rogers, and unanimously agreed that the circulated Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20th October 2003 be approved and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.
2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT is appended.
3. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2002/2003: The Treasurer presented the examined accounts, previously circulated, and it was proposed by Joyce Stirling and seconded by Mary Tither that they be accepted and this was unanimously agreed. The Treasurer said that it had been a very satisfactory year and we were in a sound financial position. Since the end of the financial year, a further tax refund of £531.10 had been received and the Treasurer thanked Trevor Davies for his efforts in this matter.
4. EXAMINER FOR THE ACCOUNTS: It was proposed by Peter Spranklin, seconded by Maureen Rogers and unanimously agreed that Jacquie Davies be asked to undertake this task and she agreed.
5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Trevor Davies announced that only one nomination had been received for each Officer, therefore a ballot was not necessary for these positions. Eleven nominations had been received for six committee places. A ballot was conducted and votes were counted by tellers Jo Hamill and Mavis Ricketts with the following result:-

OFFICERS:	Chairman	Margaret Cooke
	Vice Chairman	Maureen Rogers
	Treasurer	Peter Spranklin
	Secretary	Irene Moore

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Grace Cunliffe
	Trevor Davies ✓
	Rosa Ford
	Gordon Lorraine
	Kath Ridgway
	Mary Sutkowski

Maureen Rogers
Diane Ledson
Gordon Lorraine
Anthea Messitt
Anne Messitt
Jill Walsh
Joan Parks
Joan Morgan
Trevor

6. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT: David Gerty, being the only nominee, was unanimously elected to serve for the year 2004/2005.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mary Tither to Joan Letchford, who had been active in setting up the U3A and who had been President for a number of years. Appreciation was voiced for all the many things Joan had undertaken during these years and for all the help and guidance she had given to members and the committee.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

BANNER: The Chairman drew members' attention to the Banner on display at the meeting. This had been made in 1998 by various members of the Whitchurch U3A Craft Groups. It was usually housed in a display cabinet at the Heritage Centre but had been removed for today's meeting.

10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: A number of members criticised the proposal of a celebration lunch saying that more imagination should have been put into this. Was the U3A obsessed with food? Suggestions were that to celebrate this Anniversary we should give something to Whitchurch Hospital and/or some form of acknowledgment to the Bradbury Day Centre and/or St Johns for the accommodation they allow us to use.

The Chairman and Secretary responded by saying that members had been asked for suggestions for this celebration – a box for suggestions had been available at a number of Monday morning meetings and ideas could also have been given to committee members. Very few responses had been received from members and these were all food and drink related, with one exception of giving a seat for use in Whitchurch Town park. The lunch had been proposed in line with the majority of suggestions from members. The committee would have been happy to consider the suggestions being put forward at the AGM if they had been informed earlier.

The Chairman said that thought had been given to involving St. John's in U3A activities and this would be pursued in the near future.

The Chairman also said that arrangements had been made for a display to publicise the U3A's 10th Anniversary and promote membership would be held in the library in the Spring of 2005

The above will be put for discussion at the Committee meeting on 15th November 2004.

LACK OF INFORMATION TO MEMBERS: The matter was raised that the membership did not receive sufficient information of items dealt with by the Committee and it was suggested that Minutes of Committee Meetings be published in the Newsletter.

This will be put on the Agenda of the Committee meeting on 15th November 2004.

PRESIDENT: The question of 'Election of President' was raised and discussion ensued. At the AGM on the 21st October 2002 an amended Constitution was put to the meeting and approved. Under this Constitution a President can be elected and attend Committee meetings and enter into discussion but cannot vote.

The meeting closed at 11.45

APPROVED

Chairman.....

Proposer.....

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Date.....