



# TADLEY AND DISTRICT U3A

Registered Charity No. 1150232

## MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 11am

at Tadley Community Centre

Executive Committee Members Present: Mike Batson, Gail Biggs, Diane Carter, Jacki Cassidy, Sue Geater, Colin Hewitt, Roland Higgins, Carol Phipps, George Porter, Steve Sharpe

U3A Members Present: 103

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<p>1. <u>Opening Remarks</u></p> <p>Colin Hewitt [Chair] thanked members for their attendance. He noted that the period under review was the year April 2022 to March 2023, a period during which our u3a had finally returned to normal, following the disruption to our activities caused by Covid lockdowns and restrictions.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023</u></p> <p>Acceptance of Minutes: prop David Gent; seconded Linda Mead; carried unanimously.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Report for 2022 – 2023</u></p> <p>With Covid mostly behind us activities are mainly back to normal, although some members remain cautious.</p> <p>Our new membership system Beacon is proving to be a useful tool and has substantially reduced the effort of maintaining membership records.</p> <p>The replacement for our website management tool SiteBuilder is still awaited; we know it's in progress but with 700 u3as to migrate it will take some time.</p> <p>We planted a tree in St Peter's churchyard to celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> birthday and to commemorate our founder Maureen Gifford.</p> <p>A Christmas tea and the imminent <i>Pimms and Strawberry tea</i> were new this year and proved to be very popular</p> <p>The new the monthly information sheet has replaced the Newsletter. We hope you find it interesting and welcome suggestions and contributions.</p> <p>Finally many thanks to the Executive Committee, group leaders and their assistants for their time and effort in keeping T&amp;D u3a going and helping to ensure that it is in a</p>	

healthy state. Thanks also to all of our group leaders, their supporters, the tea & coffee team and volunteers in general who help to keep your u3a running.

4. Group Co-ordinator's Report

The year 2022-2023 has been a much more successful year for groups, with Covid hopefully taking a back seat if not retired all together.

Three Groups have new leaders – Family History, Table Tennis and Wine Tasting. I would like to thank both the Group leaders who have stepped down and have done a great job for several years now, also the new leaders who have taken on the roll. I do ask all members to be supportive to all the Group leaders and help in any way they can to help keep the groups alive.

We have a new group – Garden Visits – which will be going on its first trip to a garden next week, with approximately 30 members. The garden is opening exclusively for this group so you must book as the garden requires exact numbers, so please do not just turn up. Pam Hastie is the Group Leader and any queries please speak to her.

I would like to thank all the group leaders, many of which have been doing it since our U3A first started in 2012, we really appreciate their hard work and input, the groups are the life blood of the U3A and where you make new friends and learn new skills.

5. Treasurer's Report and Approval of Accounts (previously circulated)

**Charity account:**

It has been a busy year for the groups with the majority having restarted. Expenditure has slightly exceeded income for the year with a deficit of **£947** but as it stands, we have good reserves so we have not increased the membership fee or group costs this year but some thought will be needed as to increases in group costs in the coming year.

Income from the groups was **£12,494** against cost of **£15,434** being mainly hall hire costs. This increase in hall costs has been scary but we seem to have got it about right when we increased the membership fee last year.

Please see the separate sheet regarding the group finances.

**Social account:**

A very busy year with lots of trips. These are self-financing and the accounts have a healthy workable balance. I expect there are several coachloads of members who would like to join me in thanking Lynda mead for all her hard work in organising the trips. There are currently 10 trips listed on the website!

A motion to accept the Report was carried unanimously.

<p>6. <u>Appointment of Officers</u></p> <p>Three nominations had been received for Officers of the Tadley &amp; District U3A. These members were elected unopposed to the following roles:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="209 315 1251 539"> <tr> <td>Chairman</td> <td>Colin Hewitt</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deputy Chairman</td> <td>vacant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Steve Sharpe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Hadassah Davis</td> </tr> </table>	Chairman	Colin Hewitt	Deputy Chairman	vacant	Treasurer	Steve Sharpe	Secretary	Hadassah Davis	
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<p>7. <u>Election of Executive Committee Members</u></p> <p>The following members were elected unopposed to the Executive Committee: Mike Batson, Gail Biggs, Diane Carter, Jacki Cassidy, Sue Geater, Roland Higgins, Carol Phipps.</p>									
<p>8. Questions</p> <p>There were no questions.</p>									
<p>9. <u>Closing remarks</u></p> <p>We currently have 40-odd groups but as I've already said they're not all guaranteed to survive. Although the role of group leader is not especially onerous, they do need help from other member of the group, you cannot expect the group leader to be the one who always comes up with the new ideas group. Members do need to contribute so remember that each time you pay your £1 somebody has organised the meeting, taken and recorded the funds and dealt with the Treasurer</p> <p>Email is effectively the only way that we keep in touch with our members If you do not have email, then perhaps you could ask someone to be your buddy and so you are kept up to date with all relevant information.</p> <p><a href="mailto:TandDu3a@gmail.com">TandDu3a@gmail.com</a> is always the easiest way to contact us.</p> <p>And finally can I just thank you once again for your attendance and your continuing support of Tadley and District u3a.</p>									
<p>10. AOB - None</p>									
<p>11. Next Annual General Meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024</p>	SEC								

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11:40

Signed: .....

Date: .....