



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

**LLANDRINDOD WELLS & DISTRICT U3A**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 14 MARCH 2010**

**Present:** 103 Members

**After welcoming all present to the meeting the Chairman, Mrs. Penny Everett, continued with the following opening remarks:**

“Our U3A was founded in 2006 with an initial membership of 40 plus. Founder members have been able to enjoy well over 50 lectures of a very high standard, together with the opportunity of widening knowledge and making new friends by participating in the Interest Groups. The increasing membership over the years has necessitated changes of venue to accommodate the numbers and membership now stands at 190. During this year we lost 29 members but welcomed 42 new ones.

This has been another busy and successful year for our U3A.

Several new initiatives came to fruition:

- ✓ with the technical input of Martin Harvey our website was designed and Barbara and Jane have breathed life into it and it is now a very immediate and powerful way of keeping in touch with what our U3A has to offer.
- ✓ The inaugural Keynote Lecture last March by Sir Roy Strong was a great success and the arrangements for this years lecture are well under way.
- ✓ Our interest groups continue to thrive and we are always looking for opportunities to meet the needs of our members in organizing start-ups for new subjects. It is often the case with these groups that “one thing leads to another”. The Sir Roy Strong lecture was followed up by a visit to his garden by the Gardening Group. The first short break holiday has been booked to Honfleur, France in May to encompass the various interest groups as well as members who just like to travel
- ✓ It was the considered decision of the Committee that we should acquire our own equipment to enhance the effectiveness of both the main lectures and the group meetings. Consequently, we have purchased a laptop and a projector suitable for use with it. These have already been used by Jane to great effect in the Digital Photography Workshops she has been leading and she will be happy to tell you more about them.

All of the above does not come about by smoke and mirrors, it is the outcome of the dedicated and resourceful work of your Officers, Committee and Group Co-ordinators and we are all indebted to them. I especially wish to thank the Committee that I have worked with over the past year – they are a great team and have been a tremendous support to me and will, I know, go on being so. Two people especially have been doing what they do since the beginning. Patsy has produced all our speaker programmes with great flair and organisation and Ann Parkhouse has given us dedicated administrative support as Membership and Committee Secretary. Barrie is retiring as Committee member and Treasurer and has done a sterling job in keeping control of our finances”.

**1. Minutes of the AGM** held on Monday 8 March, 2010. Fay Ramsden proposed and Ann Harvey seconded that these be adopted. All agreed.

**2. Matters arising from the Minutes:** No matters arising.

**3. Treasurer's Report:** The written statements prepared by the Treasurer, Mr. Barrie Finnemore, were displayed on screen prior to and during commencement of the meeting. Barrie Finnemore gave a verbal report on the year's finances explaining the items displayed in detail and confirmed that the accounts had been audited. There were no questions on the Treasurer's report and all agreed that it be accepted.

**4. Election of Officers and Committee Members for 2011/12:**

As two, namely, Jane Malvern and Peter Dummer had been nominated for the position of Vice-Chairman, a secret ballot took place with Jane Malvern being voted through by a margin of 1 vote.

In addition, from nominations received, the following Officers and Committee Members were unanimously elected for 2011/12.

- (a) Chairman Patsy Godfrey
- (b) Vice-Chairman Jane Malvern
- (c) Membership/Committee Secretary: Ann Parkhouse
- (d) Treasurer: John Lewis
- (e) Committee Members: Ann Harvey, Fay Ramsden, Mai Ellis, Ann Morgan, Peter Dummer

The vacancy for Programme Secretary has still to be filled.

**(5) Appointment of Examiner of Accounts:** It was agreed that Mr. Martin Nosworthy be appointed to examine the accounts

**(6) Any other business:** None

The incoming Chairman, Patsy Godfrey, thanked Penny Everett for all her work and excellent leadership during the past year as Chairman and during previous years as an active member of the Committee and editor of 'Borderlines'.