AGENDA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF U3A LLANDRINDOD WELLS AND DISTRICT
TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 11TH APRIL 2022
AT THE METROPOLE HOTEL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS

1. Minutes

   The minutes of the last AGM held virtually on Monday 14th June 2021 have been on published on the website and were circulated to members via the Chairman's newsletter.

2. Matters arising

3. Chairman's Report 2021 / 2022.

4. Treasurers Report

5. Election of Officers and Committee Members for 2021/2022

   - Chairman - Karen Latham
   - Vice Chairman - to be advised
   - Treasurer - David Wright
   - Membership Secretary - Janice Horne
   - Committee Secretary - to be advised
   - Programme Secretary/Webmaster - Nick Talbott
   - *Borderlines* - Bob Wood
   - Member - Royston Blunden

6. Appointment of Auditor - Martin Nosworthy

7. Any other business

Llandrindod Wells and District u3a
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, held as a virtual meeting on Monday June 14th 2021

Members were sent papers and voting forms either by email or post. Over 20% of the membership returned voting forms.

1	Minutes of the AGM held on 10th March 2020	Approved unanimously.
2	Matters arising from the AGM Minutes	*There were no matters arising*.
3	Chairman's Report	*Included below* Approved unanimously. *No comments or questions received*.
4	Financial Statements	*Included below* Approved unanimously. *No comments or questions received*.
5	Election of Officers and Committee Members for 2021-2022	Approved with one abstention. *The Committee elected for 2020-2021 with one exception moves forward for 2021 -2022*
6	To appoint Martin Nosworthy as Auditor	Approved unanimously.

It is anticipated that the next AGM will take place as normal in March 2022.

Karen Latham, Chairman

Kathie Richards-Jones, Committee Secretary

Chairman's Report 2021/2022

The Chairman, Karen Latham reports as follows;

The last AGM for Llandrindod Wells and District u3a was held in June 2021 with all papers and voting having to be undertaken virtually, this year thankfully we are able to hold a "proper" AGM.

This is my second full year as Chair, a position I am proud to hold. Despite everything there has been much achieved during the last year. None of it could have been accomplished without the exceptionally dedicated Committee, Interest Group Leaders and all the helpers from Welcomers to those doing press releases. The positive approach of so many of our members during this extremely challenging year with its ever changing Covid 19 restrictions has been an inspiration.

Looking back this has been a mixed year with more than one false dawn. No, not the light from the fire at our usual venue, which is now beautifully refurbished.
I shall pick out the events, major changes and improvements and finish with the most important aspect of u3a, its people.

Events

There were four main meetings which did take place and were memorable not only for their content but the fact that we could once again meet together in the Metropole Hotel and share learning, comradeship and laughter.

A Black and White Actor given by Glyn Houston on the 11th October

Members will remember Dean Powell's hugely entertaining previous talks on The Life of Dr. William Price and The Land of Song, so we were very happy to welcome him back. A very experienced and entertaining speaker Glyn once again did not disappoint. Telling the rags to riches story of a Rhondda valleys boy, who from running his grandmother's milk round, became one of Britain's most popular actors of television and film.

A self-confessed hell-raiser in his youth, Glyn Houston often spent time with his brother Donald and drinking friends in Stanley Baker and Richard Burton, mixing with East End villains like the Krays.

Glyn made his film debut as the cheeky cockney barrow boy in Dirk Bogarde's The Blue Lamp. Since then his acting prowess has seen him appear in every conceivable role, from the Blue Lagoon to the first onscreen lover of Joan Collins in Turn the Key Softly to the aged father of Anthony Hopkins in Heartlands.

This was a talk which fully involved the membership applauding as clips and photographs brought back memories of films, and TV programmes that spanned our own life times.

Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies given by Martin Lloyd on the 8th November

Martin Lloyd, an ex civil servant who left HM Immigration Service after 24years to become a Writer, Blogger and Speaker including on BBC Radio 4, Midweek, The One Show, News 24. He was most in demand when the blue passport was introduced!

Not sure what to expect from this presentation, the audience was both amazed and fascinated to listen to a talk remarkably given without any supporting lecture notes or power point from the author of the only published book on the subject. How passports developed into the documents we know today. And how they played an influential role in the course of history illustrated by: an attempted assassination, which altered the regulations for issuing passports; the capture of a spy which caused a worldwide modification to the design of the document and for one person the passport itself which turned into a killer.

We also learnt a valuable lesson in ensuring all our future speakers would allow their talks to go out live on Zoom.

After his talk I did purchase his book: The Passport, the History of Man's Most Travelled Document and it became a Christmas present for my ex merchant seaman daughter who's passport is a serious document in its own right.

Directing the BBC's 'Antiques Roadshow' by Mike Jackson on 13th December 2021

We all know this Sunday evening programme which has always attracted a large audience and is one of the longest running factual series on British television.

Typically over 2,000 people will arrive on the morning of a valuation day to have their precious objects assessed by some of the country's leading experts.

How does this mass of material and crowd of eager participants become sifted down to around 20 on-screen people each discovering something about their most distinguished offering? What are the ingredients for a successful Roadshow conversation?

Mike who has worked as a director, producer and script writer offered insights into the mechanics of capturing viable footage and how this is edited into an engaging visit to a handsome location. The programme will be viewed in future with more insight.

Radio Caroline given by Brian Cullen March 2022

Brian Cullen is a professional radio presenter who, over the past 50 years, has worked on many well known radio stations.

Brian took us on a journey back to the 60's with original pictures and audio from the UK's first offshore commercial radio station, concentrating on M.V. Caroline, the first vessel that broadcast programmes as 'Radio Caroline' … and things have come full circle as Brian now hosts programmes on the Internet radio service 'Radio Caroline Flashback'

I certainly did not know how Radio Caroline got its name, that there were two boats and just how many of the first Radio 1 DJ's came from the pirate ships. Brian kindly went over and above his talk also writing a piece for Borderlines.

Christmas Lunch

We did manage to have our Christmas Lunch in 2021 attended by over 90 members. Kathie Richards- Jones who has for the last 3 years been a most professional Committee Secretary organized the whole event, no mean feat from orders to payments and place cards then dealing with unexpected issues on the day. The Metropole Hotel lunch was excellent this year both in standard of food and service. The entertaining quiz is becoming almost as traditional as the turkey. Plan B in case it snowed was not required on this occasion.

Major Changes and Improvements

The purchase of a Zoom licence which allows **"hybrid" meetings**, all the main meetings going forward will be held both physically and virtually so more members can decide how they attend, based on their own circumstances. Thanks go to Nick Talbott and Stephen Ashley for implementing and managing this aspect of our meetings.

Margaret Mason had to resign from **Borderlines** after many years of editorial control and production of the magazine, with more recent support from Kathie. Thanks go to Margaret for her contribution not only to Borderlines over the years but her sound advice to the committee.

We are grateful to Margaret and Robert Wood, a technical editor and author, for coming forward to take over, so Borderlines will once again be published, under new editorial control, on a quarterly basis. You should have all received your bumper back in business copy this morning, within which contributions from member have been gratefully received.

The **website** has been **relaunched** this year and is better than ever, easier to negotiate with new underlying software, and is receiving both more input from members and "hits". A number of the group leaders have also received training and are now able to support Nick

Talbott, the website manager, by updating their own sections of the website. It is proving a model other u3as want to adopt.

I have continued with the monthly **Newsletters**. All the members who have contributed to the Newsletters, provided short stories, book reviews, videos, pictures, or contributed in any way to the website, via quizzes or pointing to free content on line. Thank you.

The committee has also worked to improve our **documentation and policies.** These include new policy documents in regard to Legitimate Interest Policy, Data Protection, a support document for Interest Group Leaders and of course, Covid, risk assessments and communication lead by Dr. Karyn Evans, the retiring Vice Chair. Karyn and Wynne also helped with the Charity Commission returns.

The Committee meetings have been held monthly over Zoom

The Treasurer, Jan Willsher has kept the books made the payments, and has undertaken without complaint a considerable amount of additional work communicating directly with members. An insight into how much work including the closure and transfer of a historical interest account in London is to be found in the accounts.

Committee Secretary, Kathie Richards-Jones whose secretarial and administration skills makes sure all the documentation is up to date and in place. All communications recorded and dealt with, to a standard well above my own.

Programme Secretary, Nick Talbott who has had the unenviable job of liaising with, canceling and re scheduling speakers.

Membership Secretary, Janice Horne. Never a month goes by without the membership and mailing lists being revised, queries answered and members contacted. The fact that throughout the year new members have joined is a reflection of her first contact success.

Retiring committee members, include Will Francis and Mary Davies - a long term advisor who stepped up to join the committee this year when needed. I am pleased to be able to say they now join the team of helpers for them on the Notice Board, while Fay Ramsden and Helen Wyton continue to Welcome and support new members.

Interest Groups

The interest groups, are at the centre of the u3a movement and they are again coming together to pursue special interests under the leadership and administration of some very dedicated individuals. There are currently 22 active or about to be active groups. Our thanks go to Stephen Ashley who has continued as interest groups co-ordinator.

A meeting of existing and potential leaders on the 24th June led to the production of the new document in support of Group Leaders which can be found on the website.

Some of the groups notably the Creative Writing, Book Circle and Computer groups have continued to meet throughout the lockdowns and restrictions using Zoom. With venues closed many groups just could not function, while the groups who travelled, Rail Riders, Theatre Group, Garden Visiting, Charabanc were unable to go anywhere because of restrictions. We said good bye to a couple of group leaders with enviable track records, Fay Ramsden, Jill Mouncer, Jan Willsher. They are still active members but have certainly served their time as group leaders.

As restrictions lift groups began to meet again Singing for Fun, Landscape History, Armchair Exercise, Garden Visiting, Walking, Photography, Rail Riders, Craft, Recorders, Virtual Travel are meeting once again with many leaders reporting an increase in membership and interest.

New Leaders have come forward to take over existing groups - Meg Lewis a Sunday Lunch group and Delphine Carter the Welsh History Group.

New groups have been established, such as Michele Thomas' Earth Sciences and French Group

Members who have the technology and are technology "savvy" have been able to access probably more on line than ever before with access to National tutorials. I have also attended u3a speaker meetings held by other u3as most notably Aberystwyth u3a. An open and free sharing and learning culture has certainly been accelerated during the pandemic.

Membership

The Third Age Trust the umbrella organization for all the independent u3as is anticipating losing approximately 20% of u3a membership nationally.

Historically we have been a very successful U3A, with membership growing year on year and although we have, as we always will, lost a number of members, through ill health, relocations, and changes in behaviour due to Covid etc. The majority of members have stayed loyal. Your confidence in the future and support in the present is encouraging. It is pleasing that in these difficult times we still have had individuals come along for taster sessions then become new members, all potential new friends.

Other u3as may well face closure all together because of difficulties recruiting committee members. Barmouth u3a with 97 members has folded for lack of a functioning committee. I am grateful to the people who have come forward to join the committee for without them we could also go the way of Barmouth. You will be introduced to our new committee at the AGM

So I look forward to a growing membership, next year's Speaker Programme, the All Wales Conference due to be held on the 8th May in Llandrindod, the reinstated Mid Wales Quiz, and the 40 years celebration of u3a.

We go into the 2022-2023 year if anything stronger than before the pandemic

Llandrindod Wells & District U3A
Receipts and Payments Account Year Ending 31st January 2022

2020-2021 £	RECEIPTS	£
2690.00	**Members' Subscriptions**	**6087.50**
3.00	**Day Visitors' Fees**	**0.00**
331.88	**Gift Aid Recovered**	**750.00**
11.54	**Interest**	**0.50**
0.00	**Sale of merchandise**	**0.00**
0.00	**Christmas Lunch**	**1926.00**
0.00	**Miscellaneous**	**0.00**
0.00	**Edinburgh Tattoo**	**1200.00**
95.85	**Events and Special Interest Groups (Net Receipts)**	**25.00**
3132.27	**Total Income**	**9989.00**
	PAYMENTS	
620.00	**Hire of Rooms**	**814.00**
30.00	**Lecturers' Fees**	**290.00**
18.55	**Hospitality**	**13.00**
0.00	**Christmas Lunch**	**1945.00**
1071.00	**U3A Trust Capitation**	**500.50**
734.70	**"Third Age Matters" Periodical**	**501.58**
130.00	**"Borderlines" Newsletter Printing**	**0.00**
0.00	**other U3A/sponsorship**	**0.00**
0.00	**Edinburgh Tattoo**	**1200.00**
0.00	**Purchase of merchandise**	**0.00**
0.00	**May Day Medley**	**0.00**
32.00	**Gifts to retiring officers**	**0.00**
229.00	**Other Printing Costs**	**-121.00**
	Administration	
113.44	**Secretary's Expenses**	**48.97**
0.00	**Treasurer's Expenses (incl audit fee)**	**185.31**

137.80	**Postage**	**73.20**
74.25	**Computer Services and website**	**256.90**
0.00	**Miscellaneous**	**10.45**
3190.74	**Total Expenditure**	**5717.91**
-58.47	**Net +Receipts/-Payments**	**4271.09**
6677.13	**Opening Balance 1st February**	**6618.66**
6618.66	**Closing Balance**	**10889.75**

Balances held as

1145.08	**HSBC Lecture Account**	**9926.50**
938.25	**HSBC Events Account**	**963.25**
4535.33	**COIF Deposit Account**	**0.00**
6618.66		**10889.75**

All funds are unrestricted

Other Assets

laptop
digital projector
laminator
sound system
earphones

Liabilities

A sum of £310 was owed at 31st January 2022

Llandrindod Wells U3A

Accounts for year ending 31st January 2022 Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act"). You have prepared the attached accounts on a receipts and payments basis and engaged me to undertake an independent examination of those accounts.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in any material respect

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act , or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no material concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Martin Nosworthy

Nethway, Victoria Road, Llandrindod Wells

Date 19th March 2022