

**MINUTES of the First Annual General Meeting of the Keyworth & District U3A
held on Tuesday, 27th April 2010**

Present: **Steering Committee Members:**

Barry Hull (Chairman)	Jean Ainscough
Jackie Fisher (Treasurer)	Keith Barton
Valerie Petef (Secretary)	Jim Dean
Howard Fisher (Vice-Chairman/ Membership/Newsletter)	Peter Edge
Ken Doyle (Speaker Finder)	Jackie Mullins
	Kath Oakley
	Roy Turnbull

and 119 Members

- 1. Apologies** were received from Barbara Wallace, Jenny Jennings, Ros Jones, Andrea and Liz Curtis and Ray Lindley.
- 2. Chairman's Report**

Barry Reported that membership has risen to 326 but that some members have not yet renewed their membership. He said there are now 30 Activity groups, including New Horizons, which offers a different activity each month and arranges events that take place in the community, such as the Keyworth Show, the Christmas Party and 'Now We are One'. He also said that we have had 12 speakers on a variety of topics at Open meetings and Ken commented that he has to find a speaker for just three meetings to the end of the year.

Barry told the Members that we have successfully been awarded £9766 from the Big Lottery Fund, of which approximately £6000 has been spent to date on equipment.

Barry congratulated Howard on the production of the Newsletter, which he said was excellent, and the best in the Notts. Network of U3As. He also congratulated Peter Edge for his excellent work on designing and developing the Website. The website address is www.keyworthu3a.org.uk and Barry urged everyone to have a look at it; he said our publicity will be on the site, and it will be available locally, regionally and nationally.

Future objectives include increasing involvement in community activities, developing stronger links with local universities and working with other U3As in the Notts. Network to bring in high-calibre speakers and participate in workshops. Barry mentioned that Sir Michael Parkinson is now the Chancellor of Nottingham Trent University and that he had suggested to the Notts. Network that it might be worth approaching him to give a talk at an event in the future. He said we also need to develop new ideas, so asked that Members get involved in setting up and developing new initiatives.

- 3. Secretary's Report**

Valerie welcomed Members to the AGM and gave a brief history of the first year as Secretary to the Steering Committee. She thanked staff at the Third Age Trust, Graham Payne at the Methodist Church and Alan Morris for their help and guidance in the early days. She also thanked Group Leaders for their commitment and generosity in giving their time and sharing their experience and skills, and asked for ideas for new activities, and ways of improving/enhancing existing ones, adding that resources were available to help set up and run a Group. She particularly thanked and congratulated Barbara Wallace and her New Horizons team for arranging the larger events that brought everyone together, and also Peter Edge for an outstanding Website and Howard Fisher for producing such a vibrant

Newsletter each quarter, and requested members to send him articles and photographs so that members can see and read about other Groups' activities. She finally thanked the Committee for their dedication and Members for their interest in the meetings and group activities and expressed the hope that they would continue to give their support.

4. Treasurer's Report

Everyone had been given a copy of the Treasurer's Financial Report which included Receipts and Payments for the period 1st March 2009 to 28th February 2010, a Balance Sheet of 28th February 2010 signed by John Fallon - an Independent Examiner - and the Chairman, and the Treasurer's Notes to the Financial Statements for the period 1st March 2009 to 28th February 2010. Jackie said it might appear that some things had been listed twice, but this was due, for example, to capitation fees, subscriptions and copyright certificates that covered more than one year. Jackie invited Members to ask about anything that wasn't clear. There were no questions from the floor so Jackie asked for the Accounts to be accepted. Keith Barton moved to accept the Accounts, and Jackie Mullins seconded his proposal. The proposal was accepted *nemine contradicente*.

Jackie thanked John Fallon for his help and advice in preparing the Accounts

5. Adoption of Draft Constitution

Barry reminded Members that a copy of the draft Constitution had been reproduced in the Spring edition of Newsletter which everyone had received, and asked for approval of its adoption by a show of hands from the floor. This was overwhelmingly carried *nemine contradicente* so Keith Barton proposed acceptance of the Constitution, and Ken Doyle seconded it.

6. Approval for the appointment of the Examiner of the Accounts

Jackie said that John Fallon had been the Examiner of the Accounts, and had agreed to perform the same duty next year. She then asked for approval for John to be appointed the Examiner of the Accounts. Howard Fisher proposed, and Jim Dean seconded the proposal which was accepted *nemine contradicente*.

7. Subscription Rates for 2011-2012

With the advent of a £1 rise in the annual capitation fee paid to the U3A Trust it was proposed that subscriptions should rise by £1 for the year 2011-2012. Howard Fisher proposed this, and Keith Barton seconded the motion. It was accepted *nemine contradicente*.

8. Election of Honorary Officers and Committee Members

A Nomination form had been supplied with the Spring edition of the Newsletter with a request to let the Secretary have nominations for positions on the Committee by 13th April. No nominations were received so Barry recommended that the existing Committee, with the exception of Jim Dean, who has retired from the Steering Committee, be elected *en bloc*. This was carried by a show of hands and proposed by Sylvia Doyle, seconded by Graham Wallace, and accepted without dissent.

Item 8 completed the business of the AGM. Mr. Robin Wilcockson then proposed a vote of thanks to Barry for acting as Chairman, and the meeting closed.