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LUTTERWORTH
February 2024

NOTICE OF AGM

As you will see in this newsletter, there is an agenda for the March AGM together with a copy of the Minutes of last year's AGM. There is a nomination form for you to propose members for our new committee after Glenys' plea in the January newsletter.

As you will find out at the AGM, we shall have a new Treasurer this year. Please complete your renewal forms and pay your subs either at the March AGM or very shortly afterwards so that he does not have to send out reminders as Treasurers have in the past.

Please try and attend the AGM if possible. Thank you **Linda**

Annual Lunch

We are having our Annual Lunch in the Wycliffe Rooms on Wednesday March 13th with a three-course meal followed by entertainment from Los Amigos, a Classical Guitar, Clarinet and Percussion trio who will take us on a foot-tapping, scintillating and enlightening musical journey through the music of South America. Their set will include dances such as the Tango, Rumba, Mambo and Samba. The story behind each dance style will be explained with many humorous anecdotes. I am sure that this will be a most entertaining afternoon and the cost for the meal and entertainment is £28. Arrive from 12 noon with the meal served from 12.30 pm. The meal is Prawn Salad, Roast Beef and Fruit Crumble with vegetarian options available. Please contact me to book or do so at the February General Meeting. This should be a fitting start to Glenys' third period as Chairman of Lutterworth u3a. **Linda**

Lutterworth Holiday

There is still time to book a place on what promises to be a lovely holiday from May 13th to 17th. We will be visiting lots of interesting places: Trentham Gardens, the Royal Albert Dock where we shall visit the Beatles story as well as other museums before a guided coach tour of Port Sunlight.

We shall have afternoon tea on a narrow boat as we travel from Llangollen over the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, visit Salford Quays where we can visit the Lowry and/or Imperial War Museum before going to RHS Bridgewater and on the final day we shall have time to look around Chester before we travel to the World of Wedgwood for a factory tour where we shall learn about how the famous Jasperware is designed and crafted and visit the V&A Wedgwood Collection. We are staying in the Mercure Abbots Well 4-star hotel throughout. What is not to like????
Contact Linda if you are interested in joining us.

INTEREST GROUPS AND EVENT REPORTS

Always check online for possible timing variations. Check with the group leader if you are not sure. A number of groups have room for more members. If you wish to join any of them, please contact the Group Coordinator

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Table Games – Co-ordinator Linda Patton

Come and spend an enjoyable afternoon on the third Monday of each month in the Leisure Centre playing card and board games. It is a great venue as there is plenty of parking. Hope to see you there.
Linda

Music for Fun – Ukulele – Co-ordinators – Barbara Wilkinson and Peter Sneath

We meet at 10.00 in Bitteswell Village Hall on 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. We are currently full but if anyone wishes to join us in the future, please contact us and we will start a waiting list. **Barbara**

Table Tennis – Co-ordinator Carole Harrington

We meet every Monday (except Bank Holidays) together with Wycliffe U3A from 2pm to 4pm at Walcote Village Hall. This group is not accepting new members at present. **Carole**

Buffet Supper Group 1 – Co-ordinator Gwenda Jones

On a very cold night we all made our way to the home of Glenys and John for our monthly Buffet Supper. We were all able to sit around the table together to enjoy an excellent range of food. We had, as usual, a lot to talk about and we had our memories tested afterwards with an old game, from my childhood, of first having to answer a quiz question and then pass that on to your neighbour who had to do the same and remember your answer as well and then pass it on, Wow! Some of our more 'elderlies' have trouble remembering our names! An excellent evening thanks to our hosts.

In February we will be at the homes of Lynda and Alan or Brian Fowler, and in March the hosts are Brenda and Mick or Roy and Barbara. Please let your host know what you will be bringing and please be there to start eating at 6.45pm. **Gwenda**

Buffet Supper 2

Nine members (including new members Alan & Trish) gathered at Howard & Katie's house for the January Supper Night. As usual the various gourmet dishes were devoured with gusto which led onto a wonderful selection of desserts. The extensive cheese board followed which went down well with Howard's glasses of port. Coffee and chocolates finished off the evening. Conversations varied throughout the evening which covered local and international events and everything in between. Having put the world to rights we thanked Howard and Katie for a wonderful evening.
Gwenda

Reading Group - Co-ordinator Joyce Cairney

At the January 2024 meeting we discussed the Spies by Michael Frayn. This book, described as a psychological thriller and apparently studied for some A levels and GCSE exams was recommended by most of the group. All about a lad who thought his friend's Mum was working as a spy for the Germans. Good character descriptions throughout and we all found it quite humorous. **Joyce**

History Group – Co-ordinator Linda Patton

We began a new slant on British history by looking at the social aspects of life , starting with the coming of the Romans and life in Britain just before their arrival. Several people contributed to the discussion and so much was covered that we decided to continue next month's session with life after the Romans left our shores.

If you are interested in history and would like to join us, please turn up on Monday February 26th at 2:00pm in Bitteswell village hall. You will be very welcome. **Glenys Peverley** (in Linda's absence)

Music and Memories Group 1 – Co-ordinator Gwenda Jones

Seven of us were hosted by Jim on the 2nd of January for our usual enjoyable meeting. We listened to the 'Music of the Night' from, The Phantom of the Opera, along with others including, ABBA, Nat King Cole, Rolling Stones, Louis Armstrong The Platters, Jose Carreras, Jan Monheit, Gene Pitney, Harry Lauder, Alfie Boe, The Cliff Adams Singers and Neil Diamond, what an eclectic mix!

Where else would you find all these artists together with tea and cakes and good company. An excellent afternoon once again, thanks to Jim. The next meeting will be at the home of Gwenda on Tuesday 6th of February. **Gwenda**

Poetry Group - Coordinator Elizabeth Wilson

No meeting in January; we start again on February 7th with poems by Coleridge. **Betty**

Strolling Groups 1 and 2 – Co-ordinators Gwenda Jones and John Lee

A very small group braved the cold morning to go to the Waterfront in Market Harborough for a get-together with food and drink with good conversation which is our usual tradition in January. There is no Stroll in February.

Strolling Group 2

Our January stroll took us to Leire. The village name may derive from the old British name for the Soar river, a tributary of which has its source in the south of the village. Leire (Leyre) is mentioned in the Domesday book when the number of households was 20.

The Church of St Peter is in the middle of the village. The oldest part of the Church is the 14th century ashlar (masonry made of large square-cut stones) tower. A beautiful carved font dates from 1791. The rest of the Church was rebuilt by the Victorians in 1867-8 to replace an earlier structure. The architect was William Smith from Drummond Street, London. He added the north aisle and rebuilt the Church with granite and syanite. The four-bay arcade is layered coloured stone, the floor is encaustic tiles (encaustic is a historical painting technique where the wax is heated up to be painted with.) Alan looked at the warden's accounts for 1718 and found an interesting entry: 2d to buy a hedgehog to eat all the maggots and pests which were damaging the Church.

From the Church we strolled around the village and many interesting buildings were pointed out to us and we were told about their history. We then travelled to Ashby Parva for a most welcome lunch and a chance to warm up as it was a jolly cold day!

There are no strolls for either group in February as we are on holiday but we will be back in in March when you will be able to sign up at the usual table for that month's stroll.

Short Walks Group – Co-ordinators Fay Goodwin/Lyn Foxwell

There was no walk this month due to adverse weather. However, we will meet again, weather permitting, on 27th Feb at Coventry Rd carpark. We will decide the venue on the day. Please feel free to join us, we don't hike; it's more a ramble with a lot of chatter and then lunch. Please call either Lyn Foxwell or myself.

Jazz Group – Co-ordinator James Davey

Our first meeting of the year went well with our usual wide range of music from all eras and styles. Our February meeting will be at Alan Shean's. As always, we invite anyone who is interested in Jazz and Swing to come along to a meeting. If you are interested, please contact me.
Jim Davey

Topical Discussion Group - Co-ordinator: Richard Whittington

Topic 1 New Year Honours: Good or Bad?

The terminology for some of these awards is somewhat out of date as we no longer have an Empire and the term may be difficult for some groups, so perhaps new terms should be used. The awards for the public are very worthwhile although the nomination process is not well understood. Political awards to cronies, contributors, long service, ex-prime ministers etc are not a good idea and only prolong and increase the size of the House of Lords. A very good example is the CBE for Paula Vennells and the controversy it has aroused.

Topic 2 What was the good news over Christmas?

There was very little, partly because the various news outlets are not interested in such topics. However, there were some we thought of such as the economy is improving, which is better for everyone, we all had a good Christmas, there was some good news from some charitable events and there were some freebies on the internet!!

Topic 3 Which bits of British culture should we keep?

The suggestions were: tea drinking, dialects, brewing, visiting castles and estates, film productions, charities, queuing, tolerance, dress codes, walking for leisure and exercise, irony, our sense of humour, football, corner pubs, public/private schools the NHS, and home ownership. Some of these are disappearing faster than others which may or may not be desirable. The next meeting will be on February 7th at 10.00am. **Richard**

4th Wednesday Walking Group – Co-ordinators Sue and Peter Creedon

Because of the recent freezing cold, heavy rain and high winds I had been watching the weather forecast for the day in trepidation. However, I needn't have worried. It was fairly bright, not raining, not too cold and the winds were not too bad at all. It coerced 19 walkers to turn up at the Wharf Inn in Welford.

The first half of the walk was a `safe` route along canal towpaths avoiding most of the mud. First along the Welford Arm and then along the Grand Union Canal. There were no red cards this year (well I say that, I did get reprimanded by 2 canal boaters for knocking fallen sticks off the towpath into the canal so that the walkers didn't trip on them, apparently, they get into the boat propeller). We had a break at bridge No 41 before leaving the canal to ascend up a field stopping at the top to enjoy the view across to the Stanford Reservoir. After a slightly muddy track we joined Hall Lane, a concrete road, which has a nice little climb to reach the fields just before Welford. Crossing a stile, we made our way across the fields climbing to reach the allotments. Passing through the allotments we reached West Street to then drop down the hill and then through the Pocket Park to return to the pub. There were 12 diners afterwards. **Peter Creedon**

Wednesday 28 February 2024

Walk Organisers:- Mike and Lesley Chapman

Meeting Point For Lifts:- Lutterworth Recreation Ground car park at 09.15am to leave at 09.20am.

Start Point and Time:- The Green Man, Daventry Road, Dunchurch (CV22 6NS). Start of walk 10:00am. Toilets may not be available at the start.

Directions to start:- Take the A426 south, out of Lutterworth. Continue on the A426 through Rugby, and then on to Dunchurch. At the traffic lights by the Dun Cow, take the turn left slip and the Green Man is immediately on your right. Entrance to the car park is to the left of the pub. Please note the "one way system" in the car park. Distance 10 miles.

Route and Distance:- We leave the Green Man and walk out of Dunchurch towards Southam, then turn left, at the side of the M45, which we follow for a short distance before heading south. Using field paths we head towards Draycote Water, alongside the water for a short distance, then up Tofts Hill (a nice exercise to get you ready for your lunch!) and back to Dunchurch. Distance 5.6 miles with 5 stiles.

Lunch Arrangements:- Lunch choice to be ordered before the walk.

Scrabble Group - Co-ordinator Glenys Peverley

Six of us played in January, that's four games in total and we had four winners, probably a first. Linda proved herself to be slightly superior to the rest of us by playing all seven letters in one go, so we'll say congratulations to her once more.

There will not be a session in February as four of us are going to see some snowdrops.

The next time we'll be at Brenda's on Wednesday March 20th at 2:30pm. If anyone would like to join us, please contact me via Linda. **Glenys**

New Age Kurling Group – Co-ordinators, Trish and Alan Green, Maggie, Sue, Lynne and Kathy

New Age Kurling group runs the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at Ullesthorpe village hall. New members always welcome – come along for an afternoon of fun. **Margaret**

Canasta Groups 1 and 2 – Co-ordinator June Hartopp

Both Groups now meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, Canasta 1 from 10am-12noon, Canasta 2 from 2-4pm both at June's house. **June**

Petanque – Co-ordinators Sue Sharp and Rae Flowerday new season starts in April.

Art Appreciation – Co-ordinators Rae Flowerday and Sue Woodhead

The painter and graphic printer William Hogarth (1697-1764), is considered a pioneer of modern caricature. Satirical, critical, talented Hogarth was one of the most popular artists in England and even today, when many Brits. think of London life in 18C. his satirical images, especially "The Rakes Progress" (1735) come to mind. His first copper-plated engraving of moralistic paintings "A Harlots Progress" (1732), was to give him great financial success. This success also led to the circulation of countless un-authorized copies, against which the artist took action in 1735 by bringing about a copywrite law. This law still bears his name called The Hogarth Act. From 1735 to 1755 he ran an academy in St Martins Lane, which became the forerunner to the Royal Academy.

After coffee, we delved into an in-depth account of "The Harlots Progress". The article points out, how Hogarth, in a satirical way, shows us the moral and social abuses of the working woman and her descent into wicked nightlife. Hogarth also shows us the decay of morality, among the upper classes.

On our meeting on 7th March, we will return to the lectures in European Art. Apologies to Sue Woodhead. **Rae**

Music Appreciation Group - Co-ordinators John Peverley and Tony MacDonald

On a freezing morning Tony and Sheila welcomed us to their toasty warm home to listen to some of Tony's favourite music. He started with well known, but nevertheless lovely Der Freischutz, then later Handel's Water Music Suite and Beethoven's Leonora No. 3. Tony interspersed these, with lesser known to us, Mozart Sonata for two pianos and a rousing Berlioz Royal Hunt and Storm piece.

As always we had tasteful refreshments from Sheila. Next meeting is at Glenys' on February 16th at 10:00am (prompt Ken!) **Glenys and Jon Peverley**

Quiz Group – Co-ordinator Glenys Peverley

Marilyn set an enjoyable, challenging quiz in January. We needed to know our European capital cities; those of the Balkans and the Baltic countries proving difficult. Note to self: must make an effort to learn! We also had a review of 2023. How can we forget so quickly events which happened not so long ago yet can remember the names of people we were in Infant school with?! Thank you, Marilyn.

Next month on Thursday February 8th, we will be in Bitteswell village hall as usual at 2:00pm. Please join us if you haven't been before and would like to give it a try. **Glenys**

Music and Memories 2 - Co-ordinator Eve Jackson

Our December meeting was a lovely afternoon. All our group were able to attend and we enjoyed our time together. We heard melodies which were very familiar to all of us, but non the less enjoyable. To name a few, we heard - You'll never walk alone, I Believe, Over the rainbow and Mares eat oats..... ! After refreshments we moved on to a Christmas theme, including Silent Night, Let it snow, I'll be home for Christmas and several others which we all appreciated.

Nearly everyone was able to attend our meeting at the beginning of January. I think we were all ready to get back to "normal" after the Christmas season.

Completely by coincidence, our afternoon was dominated by male vocalists. We heard tracks from Pavarotti, Mario Lanza, Russell Watson, Roy Orbison and Geoff Castellucci - he was an unknown singer to some of us, but very enjoyable.. We did have other(non-male) tracks to listen to, which included Barbara Streisand and Boheme amongst others. A very pleasant couple of hours. **Eve**

Wine and Social Group – Co-ordinator – first meeting 8th February in Bitteswell Village Hall. Linda

Photography Group – Co-ordinator Alan Shean

There was no meeting in January; we'll be back to normal in February. **Alan**

Ten pin bowling - Co-ordinator: Richard Whittington

The next session will be on February 9th. Please meet at the recreation ground by 10.30 am. **Richard**

Bridge – Co-ordinator Kathy Scott-Simons

The Bridge Group now meets fortnightly at June Hartopp's home as from the 19th January. If members need to know the address they contact Linda Patton via the website. **Kathy Scott-Simons**

Birdwatching Group – (Co-ordinator Ann Fletcher

On a calm, sunny, but chilly, day four of us went to Brandon Nature Reserve where we counted around 30 different species of bird. We were especially pleased to see both a Great and Little Egret which are members of the Heron family.

Shoveler ducks were particularly fascinating with males and females swimming around in circles. Derek wondered whether this was a courtship ritual? As well as the usual garden birds, a Jay made an appearance in the wooded area. We also heard a Spotted Woodpecker drilling a hole into the bark of a tree and were lucky enough to spot it at the top.

We then walked back to the Visitor Centre to have a hot drink in the café where we learnt that the building is being refurbished but should be finished in time for our next meeting.

If you are interested in wildlife and having a pleasant walk in the company of like-minded, friendly people, then please join us. We meet at the Recreation ground in Lutterworth at 9.30am on 4th Friday of the month with your lunch pack. **Pauline Elliott**

Singles Takeaway Supper Group – Co-ordinator June Clayton – no meeting this month. Next is 11th February.

Garden Group – Co-ordinator Linda Patton

We have several outings already arranged for 2024. The first is to Thenford Gardens on Wednesday February 21st to see the snowdrops after stopping in Banbury to look around and have lunch. We shall leave from outside the Wycliffe Rooms at 10 am and should return at about 5 pm. This trip is fully-booked.

The second outing is to Thornbridge Hall in Derbyshire on Wednesday April 24th leaving from outside the Wycliffe Rooms at 9 am and arriving back in Lutterworth at about 5.15 pm. Here we shall have a guided tour of the hall and look around the Victorian landscaped and formal Italian gardens. There is a cafe, Quackers, selling light lunches and coffee and cake. as well as an emporium selling plants and locally-made gifts. The cost for this outing is £32.50.

The third outing is to The Old Rectory at Quinton on Thursday June 6th. We shall stop at Beckwith Emporium to look at the garden centre, deli, lovely shop and have lunch in their restaurant before we arrive at the garden where we shall be served tea and cake. We shall leave from outside the Wycliffe Rooms at 10.45 am and return at about 5 pm. The cost is £27.50 but the trip is currently fully booked although there is plenty of time for people to drop out or find that they will be away so it is worth putting your name on the waiting list. **Linda**

Singles Lunchtime Dining Group – Co-ordinator Brian Fowler

The Singles Lunchtime Dining Group rounded off a splendid 2023 year of dining opportunities with a memorable meal in the Restaurant of Ullesthorpe Court Hotel in December. The splendour of that meal was very much in the memories of the twelve diners who kicked off a New Year of dining with a visit to The Bull Pub Restaurant in Broughton Astley on January 18th . This was the first visit to this very friendly and well-appointed venue for most of the group but will certainly feature again thanks to the excellence of the food and service. 2024 will see the group exploring further new venues whilst returning to many where we have enjoyed superb service, food and the locality in recent years.

New members of U3a or those who just like lunchtime dining are welcome to chat with Group Leader Brian at the monthly Wycliffe Rooms meetings or notify the Group Co-ordinator. **Brian Fowler**

New Adventure Group – Co-ordinator Ken Patton

The next outing for the New Adventure Group is an experience rather than an adventure with a trip to the Sky Dome in Coventry on Wednesday March 6th to watch an Ice Hockey Match between Coventry Blaze and Cardiff Devils. The match starts at 7.30 pm and the cost will be £16.00 per person. New members are very welcome. **Ken**

NOTICES AND MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

HOPING TO JOIN LUTTERWORTH U3A?

If any members have friends who are interested in joining us, please give details of their address, telephone number and email address to our membership secretary, Liz Ayre.

CURRENT COMMITTEE	
Post	Name
Chair	Glenys Peverley
Vice-chair	
Secretary/ Minutes Secretary	Linda Patton
Treasurer/ Membership Secretary	Liz Ayre
Social Account Treasurer	Shirley Tegg
Newsletter Editor	Pauline Elliott
Online Coordinator	Roy Maiden
Programme Secretary	Linda Patton
Groups Coordinator	Linda Patton
Committee Member	Lynne Grindlay
Committee Member	Frances Blythe
Committee Member	Caren Simpson
Co-opted member	Mick Barrows (Equipment Organiser)
Co-opted member	June Clayton

MONTHLY MEETINGS AT WYCLIFFE ROOMS - 2nd Tuesday of the month at 09.45am

FORTHCOMING SPEAKERS –

February Adam Bostock from Alto Hearing

March – AGM + VASLCommunity Champions will be talking after the meeting.

April – Jo Golby -on “Top to toe the price of Vanity”

NEWSLETTER BY POST; E-MAIL or ONLINE

If you change your e-mail address, please let the Editor know so that you do not miss out on your newsletter. Photos are welcome but please can they be sent as a .jpeg if possible. Please contact Pauline if you need a newsletter posted or e-mailed. **Contact details: Lutterworth.u3a@gmail.com**

The newsletter is available on our website: <https://lutterworthu3a.com> - click on the Newsletters tab at the top of the page. Please ensure group notices and any other news entries are submitted **before** the 29th of the month.

CONTACTING GROUP LEADERS

Group leaders have been asked to contact their current group members to provide contact details.

Please use the contact page on the website - <https://lutterworthu3a.com> to send a message to the Groups Coordinator or the Membership Secretary or any Group Leader. Personal contact details are not being displayed in the newsletter in line with u3a Trust guidelines.

MINUTES OF LUTTERWORTH U3A ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 14 MARCH 2023

Held at The Wycliffe Rooms, George Street, Lutterworth, commencing at 10.15am

Present: Brian Poulter (Chairman) Gwen Pool (Hon. Secretary), Mick Barrows, Lynne Grindlay Linda Patton, Roy Maiden, Barbara Maiden, Shirley Tegg

1. **Welcome:** A warm welcome and thanks for attendance (99 people) was extended to all present by the Chairman, Brian Poulter.

2. **Notices:** Tony Hiron from the new Lutterworth Museum is to speak after the AGM. New members were welcomed and Brian Poulter encouraged them and all members to join groups and take part in running Lutterworth u3a. Linda Patton thanked all the Group leaders and gave the usual notices on activities. She explained that a new Programme Secretary and Newsletter Editor were needed. In the meantime, Linda Patton is collecting reports from groups, and if there is no newsletter, the information will be on the website. Linda Patton also reminded members of the lunch on 28 March to celebrate our u3a's 20th Anniversary.

3. **Apologies:** June Clayton, Carmel Kerlake, Gwenda and John Lee, Peter Sneath, Liz Ayre (Hon. Treasurer), Terence Collins, Jackie Barratt and Colin Tegg.

4. **Minutes of the 2022 AGM:** Minutes of the 2022 AGM had been distributed along with the agenda and financial papers in the February Newsletter. There were no comments. It was proposed by Roy Maiden, seconded by Brian Fowler and accepted by the meeting that the minutes were a true and correct record.

5. **Chairman's Report:** A full copy of the report is attached to the file copy of the minutes. The Chairman's report covered 2022. There were many very active groups, garden and theatre trips were well supported, and the trip to Crich Tramway Museum was well organised and supported. The picnic on the lawns at Liz and David White's home was held in glorious sunshine and they have agreed for us to use their lawn again this year. A big thank you to all who made these events so successful. The membership for 2022 was 285. The membership fees pay for our costs including the hire of the Wycliffe Rooms, the speakers and newsletter printing. Costs are increasing with speakers charging more for travel and the printers have already indicated that there will be an increase soon. We need more members please.

Our website went down at the end of 2022 due to the host and much information has been lost. Roy Maiden has accepted the task of getting a new site up and running. The Committee has met every three months.

Sadly, we lost Margaret Foster a few weeks ago, known mainly for her efforts booking speakers. She will be missed by us and Bitteswell village. May she rest in peace.

A special thanks was given to Carmel Kerlake, our Newsletter Editor. Despite being seriously ill, she got the Newsletters out, but cannot continue. We send our love. A new Editor is urgently needed. A special "well done" to Liz Ayre for taking on the Treasurer's role. Many thanks to Linda Patton for all her time and effort.

Thanks also to those stepping down – Gwen Pool after six years on the Committee and most recently as Secretary, Barbara Maiden for her work as Webmaster and Peter Sneath for being on the Committee for several years.

The u3a Trust's AGM was attended by Linda Patton and Brian Poulter and, after four hours, no decision was made on the Capitation Fee, which remains the same at £4.

6. Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Accounts: Printed copies of the audited accounts were available at the February monthly meeting for members to take away for perusal. Any member not able to collect a printed copy was advised to contact the Membership Secretary via the link on the Membership page, requesting for it to be sent to them by email. A copy is attached to the minutes. Liz Ayre was unable to attend the meeting and sent a report which is attached to the minutes. She thanked Alan Shean for his guidance. The year finished with 285 members.

The accounts have been signed off as a true statement of the accounts by Independent Examiner, Joy King. A copy is attached to the file copy of the minutes.

The report from Liz Ayre asked members to please make annual payments by BACS if possible as there is no longer a bank in Lutterworth. The year started with a strong balance, but prices have increased on nearly everything and we will need to increase the subscription fee by £1 to £16. This will give £4 to the Third Age Trust and £12 to Lutterworth u3a.

Pauline Elliott proposed an amendment that the increase in the subscription fee should be £2 to give £13 to Lutterworth u3a in view of the rising costs. This was seconded by Nohline Ruff and voted on by the members. 84 were in favour, so the amendment was carried and the total fee is £17 for 2023-2024.

Following a question from Penny Walker-Barber, the Chairman clarified that anyone who is a member of more than one u3a only pays one capitation fee of £4 to the Third Age Trust. Each u3a sets its own membership fee in addition to this, and this varies.

It was proposed by Sue Sharp and seconded by David White that the accounts be approved and all were in favour.

7. Appointment of Examiner of Accounts: It was proposed by Alan Shean and seconded by Sue Poulter that Joy King be appointed Examiner of Accounts. This was approved.

8. Annual Subscription: See item 6 above.

9. Election of Honorary Officers: It was proposed by Alan Shean and seconded by June Clayton that Nohline Ruff be the new Secretary and Minutes Secretary. This was approved by members.

It was proposed by Alan Shean and seconded by Ken Patton that Glenys Peverley be the new Vice Chairman. This was approved by members.

10. Election of other members of the Committee: It was proposed by Glenys Peverley and seconded by B A Bennett that Frances Blythe be a Committee member. This was approved by members.

It was proposed by Lynne Grindlay and seconded by Brian Fowler that Caren Simpson be a Committee member. This was approved by members.

11. Other business: There was none.

12. Date of AGM 2024: This will be held on Tuesday 12 March 2024.

Signed **Meeting Chairman** **Date**

A G E N D A

LUTTERWORTH U3A 21st AGM
To be held in the Wycliffe Rooms, George Street, Lutterworth
Tuesday 12 March 2024 at 10.15am

1. Welcome by Chairman
2. Notices
3. Apologies
4. Minutes of 2023 AGM
5. Election of Honorary Officers
6. Election of other members of the Committee
7. Chairman's report
8. Treasurer's report and presentation of accounts
9. Appointment of examiner of accounts
10. Annual subscription
11. Any other business
12. Date of AGM 2025

LUTTERWORTH U3A NOMINATION FORM

We wish to nominate (full name)

Proposer Signed

Secunder Signed

Agreement of nominee (signed)

Position nominated for: -

Committee member Honorary Office
(please state post)

Date and time of receipt by Secretary: Date Time

*It is important to remember that everybody on the committee has the role of a trustee, regardless of whether your U3A has registered with the regulatory authorities.
All candidates nominated must be able and willing to sign the Trustee Declaration Form when elected.*