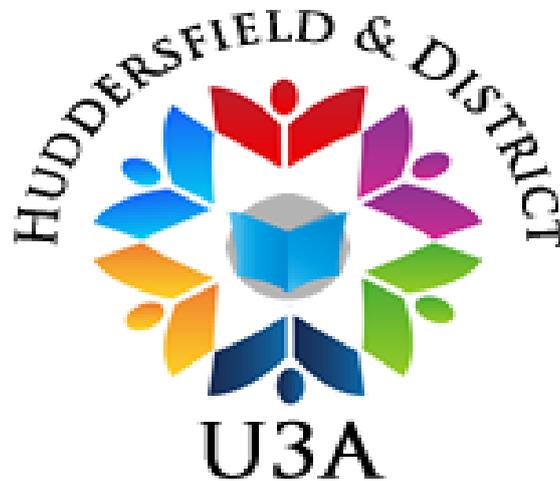


***HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT
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NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2018

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Dear Huddersfield and District U3A Members,

Greetings as another year opens for us, giving us lots to look forward to in the Autumn and Winter months.

Unfortunately, I have decided that I have to retire as Chair of the committee due to ill-health. Dallas Cliff has agreed to take over. Also, Margaret Fearnley is to retire as President, so we need to have a look at some realignment of roles.

I want to publicly and warmly thank Margaret for her time as President. She was always to be seen at events, always encouraging and interested in what was going on. She will be greatly missed.

Stalwart Activities Organiser, Jean Kirby has sold her house in Netherton and may move to Winchester. She's another one who will be sorely missed for all her work behind the scenes at events like the Carol Service, the Arts and Crafts Exhibition and the tutors' lunch. Thanks a million, Jean and congrats to her and Maurice, her husband on their Golden Wedding anniversary.

This letter must also be used to thank most fervently all our volunteers – tutors and office staff. Nothing would happen without the constant hard work of Alison and Christopher Newbery in the office, with the help of Jenny and Alan. They all work so cheerfully and conscientiously. We are very lucky.

I hope to stay on the committee to oversee some attempts at publicity, but also, I urge tutors and members to get in touch if there is something unusual or exciting going on in their group. (Did you see the excellent article about poet Doris Corti in the Huddersfield Examiner?)

Finally, I would like to wish everyone good health, good luck and good U3A experiences for the coming terms.

Best wishes

Liz Robison
Erstwhile Chair

DATES TO REMEMBER

**Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 31 October 2018 at the Methodist Mission
1.30 for 2.00pm start.**

Statutory notice of the meeting, AGM Minutes 2017 and other relevant papers are included in this newsletter. All classes are encouraged to send at least one representative to the AGM.

Please notify the Chair, Dallas Cliff on 01484 304343 of any AOB items before the meeting.

Please bring this newsletter with you to the meeting so that you have the papers to hand.

**Carol Service
Thursday 13 December 2018
St Peter's Parish Church
10.30**

**Annual Arts and Crafts Exhibition
Friday 8 March 2019 at the Jubilee Centre, Paddock 2018
11am to 3pm**

All our Arts, Crafts, Photography, Poetry and Music groups are invited to participate.

**Tutors' and Volunteers' Lunch
Monday 1 April 2019
Jubilee Centre, Paddock
11.00am**

Deadline for copy for the next Spring Newsletter is 11 January 2019

The Spring newsletter will contain a membership renewal form for 2019/20 and an enrolment form for Summer Classes 2019. It will include any updated information on the Summer classes listed in the current blue prospectus.

You will be asked for permission to hold your data on the renewal form in line with the requirements of the new GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations).

Volunteers Urgently Needed

Library Volunteers

- To join the team staffing the U3A desk in Huddersfield Library
- To participate in the volunteer cover rota on either Saturday mornings or Monday afternoons, usually on duty once a month for about two hours

Monday Talks Assistant Host/Technical Help

- To help set up microphone, projector, laptop before the talks
- Electrical logic needed rather than computer skills but the latter would help
- To act as stand in host
- **Full training will be given**

New Committee Member - Activities

- To form part of a team organising activities
- Enthusiasm, dynamic thinking, willingness to work hard would all help!

Contact the office for further information on any of the above

Developments

As some members will be aware we are gradually working to cut down on our postage bills and where possible we are sending class receipts by email. We had hoped to be sending registers for tutors by email from this Autumn but not all tutors have email addresses and/or printers, so this will not be possible at the moment.

Website – Jenny Eaglestone, Website Manager

Our website is www.huddersfieldu3a.org where you can find all the information from the Prospectus and updates on availability. You can join or renew your membership online, and enrol in classes. There are also printable forms if you prefer, to fill in and post.

We have a new section on Policies and Procedures, which can currently be found under 'About Us'/'About the U3A' on the menu. Here you can find the Complaints Procedure and the Privacy Policy.

Further planned developments include a simplification of the menus and a new section for material relevant to individual classes.

Ed Note: The 'Eagle Eyes' of some of our members could be a great help here. Let us know if you spot anything missing or incorrect.

Class Information as at 18 September 2018

Two new courses that were too late for the prospectus are now up and running: Introduction to Cryptography on Thursday afternoons at the Methodist Mission and A Gentle Look at Mathematical Proof on Friday afternoons at the Jubilee Centre.

Full Classes: A014, HP22, L011, L012, L055, M032, P011, P020, P031, SP15, SP19, V016

Activities Reports

Arts and Crafts Exhibition 2018

Barry Wilson

Well, the big day has arrived - well, maybe not **the** big day but certainly mine. Got up, horror of horrors to see a substantial fall of snow. My wife Carole and I set off on treacherous road conditions to pick up Peter from Denby Dale and Rod from Edgerton. We then went on down to Kirklees transport centre off Leeds Road to collect the previously ordered free transit van. Rod and I stayed there to await my contact lady who was delayed - er - because of the snow. When she didn't turn up, other staff kindly sorted it out for us. We then drove on to Mirfield in the van, still in snow, to collect the peg boards, where Carole and Peter met us. The gentleman who was loaning us the equipment was ready and the four of us, combined ages in excess of 300 proceeded to load up.

We weren't allowed into the Jubilee Centre until 4 o' clock so we returned home to wait till the arranged time. The unloading duly took place and we set about erecting the kit. It turned out that several modifications were required, so thank goodness I had taken my tool kit. Then another potential set back. The young man in charge of the Jubilee Centre informed us that they were due to close at 5. We expressed our profound disappointment at this and to his eternal credit he phoned his boss and not only arranged to stay open till we were done but he enthusiastically helped us. Duly completed, we had a discussion about whether to leave the pegs to hang pictures on or take them home for safe keeping. We decided on the latter, after all what could possibly go wrong????

Next morning the route to the Jubilee Arts and Crafts Exhibition for us was the subject of a road traffic situation. To cut a very long story short, road work on our side and temporary lights out of action. Result, endless tail backs on road into town and an unanticipated long delay. An understandably anxious Liz rang me to find out where we were. Arrived just in the nick of time to make a very public and humiliating public apology about pegs delay. Thank goodness, it is all over now.

Anyway, it seemed to go alright on the day and people appeared to really enjoy themselves, especially with the welcome addition of the varied musical and poetry groups.

Oh no, we've got to take it all back later!!!

Just 4 of we geriatrics "made it happen." Please, please, please hear my plea; don't be frightened of volunteering your help. If we all left it to someone else, well, nothing would happen, not only for this but all the other important U3A activities.

Ed: Please think about whether you could offer any help and let us know. It is very rewarding to be involved not only in individual activities but as a more regular helper. Please see our requests for regular volunteers on the previous page.

U3A Coach Trips 2018

Rod Heywood

Sunday 27 May Liverpool Tall Ships

Although weather forecasters had predicted a heavy thunder storm over Liverpool for 2pm it didn't actually arrive until 2.10 and lasted approximately ten minutes! The weather both before and after was good. This trip was well supported by 34 members with others being turned away because our bus was full. All seemed to enjoy their day out.

Sunday 17 June Hull and Fort Paull

Once again, we were blessed with good weather. On arrival at Hull, only a handful of members left the coach near the Marina, the majority continued to Fort Paull. Fort Paull, on the banks of the Humber, has been a fort or defence site for 500 years but is now a well established and interesting open air museum.

Unfortunately, this trip was not well supported, leading to a loss overall of £105 on the trips. The original bus company went bankrupt and the replacement company proved more expensive. As members will realise we will not be able to afford losses of this magnitude indefinitely. I would like to ask all members to please give support to your committee in future. I give my thanks to all who have supported our efforts over the last few years.

To the U3A Committee

Ted Duggan

The 2018/19 prospectus has arrived along with the application form. The seed has been sown for another year! For my wife Dorothy it is the thirty fourth time that she has joined classes. She was a founder member in 1984 when she joined two classes, German and Biology, of the twenty-nine activities available. The prospectus was white. Counting the front and back covers it contained sixteen pages, listed twenty-nine tutors and the five locations in which the classes were held, thanks to the efforts of the committee and the Engine Room of our U3A 'The Office'.

I joined in 1989 for French and Swimming. I was a committee member, Activities Organiser, when our first computer was purchased. We were fortunate to have Norman Dawson as Office Manager. He moved the administration of the U3A into the world of IT. Thank you, Norman. The advance into IT was continued by Shirley Herbert who took over the task when Norman died – in his car outside the U3A Office in Oldgate House, which we had occupied rent free.

Shirley wrote the software and each year enhanced the efficiency of the administration of our U3A. We changed from sticking stamps, loading envelopes etc.etc.etc. to a foothold in the modern world. Shirley was joined by Judith and jointly they continued to enhance our efficiency. Shirley left to live in France so Judith took over the reins.

The 'Office' was moved to Silver Street. The move was organised by our Chairman, Phillip Walton, Judith and the committee. Judith left the district to live in Taunton and we were fortunate that Isabel took over the multitude of administration ably supported by Eileen Riley on the financial side and the apprentices, Alison and Christopher Newbery.

The Office was moved again from Silver Street to Leeds Road where Isabel was helped by David Sheard to reset the IT systems. Once again, the prospectus was amended to take care

of the changes. When Isabel and Eileen retired Christopher and Alison assumed 'control'(!?) which included moving the office at three weeks' notice further along the Leeds Road. In January the following year Jenny Eaglestone, a Database and website expert, and Alan Draper joined the team.

Once again, our U3A is fortunate to have the services of efficient, dedicated and extremely patient members who continue to improve our independent Huddersfield and District U3A. Each year the prospectus and communication to members has improved. The U3A now use twenty-eight locations and list a hundred activities in forty pages.

Thank you all for maintaining the Engine Room!

Ed: Thank you Ted. Your comments are much appreciated but they do reinforce the need for new volunteers to step up to the plate and share the load.

News from the Front

Writing and Enjoying Poetry

Janet Blackburn

Another interesting year for the Friday poetry group. Again, we presented a selection of poems at the U3A annual Arts and Craft Exhibition in March.

This was also a landmark year for our mentor Doris Corti, who in her 90th year has published a new collection of poetry, 'Kingfisher and other things'. There was a launch of her book at Albert Poets in May and Lindley Library in June. At the library Doris read a selection of poems from her book and there were readings from other members of the group. I believe the first edition has already sold out!

Doris has kindly run the group informally throughout the summer months with amazing enthusiasm and energy. Our thanks go to Lindley Library who have provided a congenial venue.

Currently we are putting together a varied selection of our poems with a view to publication in the near future. Doris is acting in an advisory capacity, contributing her skill, knowledge and experience which are much appreciated.

New members are welcome to the group Writing and Enjoying Poetry at the Methodist Mission, Fridays 10.30 – 12.30. You don't need experience just enthusiasm and a willingness to try. Poetry is a good way of expressing feelings and recalling memories as well as keeping the mind active.

A Miscellany of Plants and Fungi

David Barker

I'm not the one really to say this but the class seems to have been a success. I have maintained full numbers apart from one, due to illness. In addition to our normal Tuesday classes, we have had visits to The Cider Press, a conducted tour of Bretton Park, a guided tour of the history of Beaumont Park, a visit to the RSPB Reserve at Old Moor and shortly we are having a guided tour of the YWT's Stirley Farm. Guest speakers have included a talk on wood carving, a talk on wildlife imagery in West Yorkshire Churches and shortly, we are having a talk on medical mycology by a primary care doctor. And so, it is all go. Incidentally, speakers usually do so for about forty minutes followed by refreshments and then about forty minutes on a different topic presented by me. After the class has finished, we continued to meet on occasions, through Spring and Summer, for example to identify wild

flowers in the field, (probably Bretton Park) and members have asked if we can do much more bird watching. I could not have hoped for nicer set of people. They have been wonderful and running the class has been an enormous pleasure for me. Incidentally, I should have added that after each visit, we always follow with lunch. This has meant that members have had the chance to get to know each other and many new friendships have formed.

U3A Ladies' Choir

A fine day! The Huddersfield U3A Ladies' Choir is in Kirkheaton United Reform Church to give a concert. We were almost late but were given a seat on the front row of a very full church. About 45 to 50 Choir members filled part of the church whilst their conductor and accompanist prepared to entertain the audience. The whole presentation can only be described in superlatives. They were excellent!

Each of the choir pieces were marvels of controlled sound. Included in the presentation were soloists. Each gave a superb performance of their contribution. The audience was enthralled by the precision of the diction, the arrangement of each piece and the competence and humour of the conductor.

We all enjoyed a very well worthwhile Saturday afternoon with the Huddersfield and District U3A Ladies' Choir. Thank you from Ted and Dorothy Duggan

The Monday Walking Group's 2018 Expedition

Moira Marshall

This year's expedition took us to Hawes in Wensleydale. 14 of us spent three nights in May in this lovely Dales village and enjoyed some excellent walking. Our first day's walk, in warm sunshine, took us via Burtsett to the dramatic waterfall of Aysgill Force. Later we crossed the River Ure at Appersett and climbed to Simon Stone, where we paused for breath while admiring the views southwards along the route of the Pennine Way, before returning to Hawes via Sedbusk.

On the following day we drove to Aysgarth Falls, from where we followed the river for a while before passing through the villages of Caperby and Redmire. At Redmire we had a coffee stop on the platform of the Wensleydale Heritage Railway (unfortunately for the railway buffs among us the next train was in 2 hours' time). After that we climbed to Castle Bolton, where we had lunch on the village green alongside the picturesque semi-ruined castle, before returning via fields and woods to Aysgarth.

On the last day we visited the red squirrel reserve at Snaizeholme. Knowing the scarcity of the reds, we thought we might be lucky to see any, but they almost greeted our arrival, being very plentiful, along with birds and rats, wherever food was provided. We walked for a couple of miles through the pinewoods which are home to the squirrels, and one of our members enticed a squirrel to perch on his walking pole.

This was a delightful break in beautiful scenery, and we are most grateful to Chris Dale who organised the expedition and Keith Mellor who planned and led the walks.

Obituaries

Donald Sheard

On Sunday 4 March Ted and Dorothy Duggan visited Donald in Netherton Care Home where he was recuperating from an above the knee amputation. We met a smiling Donald and talked about his hobby photography (one of his many hobbies) and his long friendships with the tutors, Harold and Brenda Dabbs (founder members of our U3A) and his successor Barrie Shaw. Donald was looking forward to his home visit to find out how independent he could be. He was very happy with the prospect of home.

My contact with Donald was as a very willing help with the Monday talks. He was an ever present assistant in setting up the equipment for the speakers. His wife, Benice, was also involved with the talks. She gave talks about their holidays and Donald presented the slides. She was the 'tea lady' for the members who came early to the talks. After her death Donald continued his contribution to the talks as technical assistant. Donald had a stroke! When the talks started again in the Autumn Donald returned to the Town Hall and demonstrated considerable recovery! He was 'as normal, mentally' but had lost a portion of his speech. He continued to assist at the Town Hall until ill health eventually forced his retirement in January 2018.

During our visit Donald's granddaughter arrived and they exchanged laughter and smiles. A little later two more visitors came. All were enjoying the visit and the prospect of Donald's return home. It was a happy afternoon. On Monday 5 March a morning telephone call from Donald's daughter, Karen, announced his death – another stroke. Sudden and terminal. Donald was an asset to our U3A. we enjoyed his contributions and the members appreciated his very willing participation. We will miss the smile of an outstanding 'Unsung Hero' of our U3A.

Ted and Dorothy Duggan, friends and J E Duggan MBE, ex Activities Organiser

Harold George Dabbs

Harold was a founder member of our U3A and he was one of the first 25 tutors who started classes in September 1984. His ever present wife for 56 years, Brenda, joined at the same time. Harold was recruited by Edith Bentley, MBE Hon MA who founded our independent U3A in 1984, to start a photography group. Harold was an enthusiastic expert in photography and a retired tutor (Bretton Hall).

Harold was a master of light! He had always found time to stand and stare to compose a picture. He then used the light reflected by the composition to set the controls of the lens in his camera. (Brenda was also an enthusiastic photographer.)

He was a master of the ART side of photography. Harold also had a very comprehensive knowledge of the TECHNICAL side of photography and cameras. In September 1984 class members brought fixed lens and some autofocus compact cameras and SLR 35mm cameras. Some used film; others used slides. Over the years, close on 25, Harold explained the many modifications which were made to the technical side of cameras. He and his classes enjoyed the shared experience of exploring the innovations.

His classes also participated in exploration of composition. Slides taken by the Dabbs during their travels to USA, Canada, South Africa etc were used to illustrate all facets of

photography. I was fortunate in that I visited his classes on many occasions to recruit speakers for the Monday Talks. He, Brenda and many other class members gave excellent talks to the Monday meetings.

Harold and Brenda gave lots and lots of shows to many organisations. They were very accomplished, informative speakers who enjoyed a full and active life. Harold was made a Life Member of U3A in 2007. He passed on the photography class to Barrie Shaw and later to David Sheard. Both have continued to enhance the lives of members of the U3A followed by the path of the Master of Light.

Thank you, Harold Dabbs, on behalf of the U3A members who enjoyed your company.
Ted Duggan

Marjorie Upson

Marjorie who passed away suddenly on the 26 April 2018 aged 87, was a founding member of the U3A Photography Class more than 30 years ago. In those days, photography was film based and didn't have the immediacy of today's photography. One took one's film to the chemist and waited the better part of a week to see the results. The delay, together with the limited number of images the film provided made learning photography a relatively slow process. Enter the digital era, with the attendant complication of computers and software. None of this fazed Marjorie, she relished the freedom to take as many images as she liked and that she could see the results immediately. Computers, software and the internet presented her with few problems. Indeed, when she was introduced to automated audio-visual presentations with music, animated slides, fades and transitions, she went out and bought the necessary software to produce her own AV sequences and, she did them very well despite, shall we say, her advancing years. She participated fully in class activities including practical sessions and would act on the knowledge gained showing the results in later class sessions. Her results were not always as she wanted, but she didn't shy away from showing those images. She would explain what she wanted to achieve and what went wrong with a wry smile and an endearing touch of self-deprecating humour.

We learnt at the Service to Celebrate the life of Marjorie held at Blackley Baptist Church that Marjorie had been an active member of the church for 82 years right up to the time of her death. She had been a deacon, the first female trustee, fund raiser and held other offices of the church.

Other aspect of her life included local newspaper correspondent reporting on local activities and events, after dinner speaker, singer, performer, poet, flower arranger, Citizens Advice volunteer, world traveller and chorister. She sang with the Huddersfield Chorale Society for 20 years, the Methodist Choir for a further 12 years and latterly, the U3A mixed choir. Few, if any members of the photography class had any idea of the extent and depth of Marjorie's full, long and varied life and there are many more positive things that can be said of her. Suffice it to say that she was a remarkable woman who will be long remembered and greatly missed by all who knew her.

David Sheard

Marjorie Upson

Marjorie enjoyed our U3A. She was an active and enthusiastic member of the photographic group. Each year the group was visited to recruit speakers for the Monday Talks. Marjorie volunteered on a number of occasions as one of the nineteen speakers. Her talks about holidays and events enthralled the Monday audiences. She presented very well having taken photographs of the places she had visited with very well researched information. She encouraged audience participation and demonstrated her sense of humour to an appreciative attentive group of U3A members. All those who attended the Monday Talks have happy memories of a very special lady.

Ted Duggan

Gordon Slater

It is with regret that I have to report the passing of Gordon Slater on Friday 3 August 2018. He was the tutor and artist who inspired many in the Art Class at Marsh Bowling Club on Friday mornings. I have only known him 10 years! He was a lovely man truly dedicated to his class and a wonderful artist. He will be missed by many.

Margaret Varley

Events and Information

Huddersfield and District Family History Society Fair

At: Cathedral House, St Thomas's Road, Huddersfield. HD1 3LG

On: Saturday 10 November 2018

Further details: Huddersfield and District Family History Society www.hdfhs.org.uk

New North Road Baptist Church. Huddersfield

All room users are invited to a Christmas Carol Service on 14 December at 7pm for 7.30. I would ask that this is put in your diary and mentioned to all your members so that we can have a full Church for this important thank you to you all for using our premises. There will be drinks served before and after along with biscuits and mince pies. There will not be tickets for this event but we will have posters nearer the time. If any of your members wish to have a special Carol or wish to update us on how your groups are going then there will be time for this.

Stewart Naylor

Assistant Secretary

New North Road Baptist Church. Huddersfield.

Natural Kirklees

Natural Kirklees is a registered Charity and umbrella organization for all friends of and open space management groups in Kirklees. For more information contact tim.duke@btinternet.com or info@naturalkirklees.org

Appeals for Help

Stirley Community Farm

Stirley Community Farm sits in the shadow of Castle Hill and is a thriving 240 acre beef farm managed by Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. Following renovations which started in 2011 the Trust have created wildflower meadows, a vegetable garden, wildlife garden and wild orchard which are all used to engage local people with how farming and wildlife work together for people. We've recently started a new volunteer garden team on Fridays (in addition to our established team of gardeners on Tuesdays) and we're looking for local people who want to get involved.

If you are free on Tuesdays or Fridays (you don't have to come to every one) and would like to get stuck in with growing veg, creating garden habitats for wildlife and general gardening tasks with a friendly and fun team please email volunteering@ywt.org.uk. Please also get in touch if you have any other questions about volunteering locally with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, there's something for everyone!

The School Governance Recruitment and Support Service

School governors urgently needed.

Find out more at: www.inspiringgovernance.org

Telephone: Claire Wedderman, Inspiring Governance Regional Manager, on 07715201855

Just a Thought

After reading the review in the Huddersfield Examiner, Thursday 9 August 2018 featuring poet Doris Corti, would you mind me putting forward a suggestion:

I own and operate a lovely little recording studio at Lockwood Park (formerly Huddersfield FM) from where I am pleased to offer a truly professional recording service. This could be utilised for the recording of poems/short stories by U3A members (or others even)

If warranted, these poems/short stories could be set to music or sound effects (or both) to help bring the audio to life, ultimately producing 'theatre of the mind', something I feel could really enhance the spoken word.

I am willing to offer a full hour in the studio to include recording, editing and mastering on to a CD for just £50.

Personally, I feel this is a superb opportunity to have people's poetry/short stories recorded forever and inevitably, posterity.

Please feel free to spread the word and don't hesitate in contacting me should you need anything further.

Alexander Mullen (aged 62) Managing Director

Email: alex@absmedia.co.uk

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20 September 2018 Statutory Notice

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Huddersfield & District University of the Third Age will be held at 2.00pm on Wednesday 31 October 2018 at the Methodist Mission on Lord Street. Doors open at 1.30pm. Each person attending must show their current (blue) membership card.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the AGM 2017 (to be agreed as a true record)
3. Matters Arising
4. Chair's opening address
5. Treasurer's report
6. Election of committee members
7. Complaints Procedure
8. Privacy Policy
9. Any other business (indicated to the Chair before the meeting)

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(Draft pending agreement as a true record)

Held on Wednesday 25 October 2017 at 2.00 pm Methodist Mission

PRESENT

Cynthia Chadwick, John Dixon, Margaret Fearnley, Rod Heywood, Alison and Christopher Newbery, Shirley Pearson and Liz Robison (chair) and 56 members.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Jeff Carr, Dallas Cliff, Jenny Eaglestone, Jacky Needham and Anne Ramsden.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 OCTOBER 2016

The minutes had been distributed and were accepted as an accurate record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. CHAIR'S OPENING ADDRESS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the AGM and then referred to the new promotional card, sent out with the Newsletter, which incorporated details of the U3A and requested that members pass the card on to anyone who may be interested in joining. A further supply is available from the office should anyone require them.

The urgent need for volunteers to join the U3A team in the following areas was highlighted

- Venue Organiser
- Committee Minute Secretary
- Monday Talks Host

Thanks were given to Rod Heywood and Donald Sheard for looking after the Monday Talks in the interim and to Isabel Foster for taking the minutes of this meeting.

The Chair then went on to thank Alison and Christopher Newbery for all their hard work in the office and for supervising the move to Aspin House and also to Jenny Eaglestone and Alan Draper for their help in the office.

Thanks too were given to all the tutors for their efforts and continued commitment on behalf of the U3A as well as recognising how stressful these roles can be.

The Chair concluded by reminding members that the U3A is a vibrant, active and successful organisation and hopes that all members get a lot out of being part of the U3A.

5. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jenny Eaglestone was proposed, seconded and accepted unanimously as a Committee Member in her role as Website Manager.

The following members agreed to go forward for re-election and were duly proposed, seconded and all re-elected unanimously

Jean Kirkby
Cynthia Chadwick
Rod Heywood
Moira Marshall

6. ACTIVITIES ORGANISER'S REPORT

It was confirmed that the Carol Service would take place at the Parish Church on Thursday 7 December and the format would be slightly different because of the change in choirs. It was also confirmed that there will be an Arts and Crafts Exhibition in 2018 and it is hoped that it will be successful.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer outlined the expenditure items of the accounts, highlighting the drop in venue rents against last year by approximately 10%, due primarily to the fact that some classes had been closed and the level of rent increases were not the same as in previous years, though inevitably the higher rents are in the town centre venues. He referred to the need for a Venue coordinator to take an overview of all the venues.

He explained the element of subsidy in some of the smaller classes but there is no wish to take any classes out but hoped that some savings could be made by reviewing venues and the needs of the individual classes.

Another element of reduction has been the lower IT costs because the initial large expense of the website set up had been in the previous year and the smaller on-going costs are reflected in the accounts.

One increase was the cost of transport for the disabled.

The Treasurer then outlined the key issues within the income – ie with membership fees up and class fees down slightly on the previous year. The sundries item is connected to some unrepresented cheques which have been included. He also outlined the donations element which included £400 from the bridge class in Crosland Moor.

He confirmed that the Gift Aid is now up-to-date and constitutes 3 years of claims. He confirmed that although there is an excess of income over expenditure he could predict an approximate shortfall of £5000 for next year and hence the savings on venues is essential.

The content of the balance sheet was outlined and discussed and queried whether the subscriptions should be increased but he suggested that this should be left at its current level for a year to allow membership numbers to improve.

8. TRANSPORT FOR THE DISABLED

It was reported that this facility was being used by 5 people and at this point in time there are potentially 4 people for the coming year. No problems had arisen and all who use the service were appreciative of it. It was confirmed that anyone who wished to access the service would find all the details in the prospectus.

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Autumn	£18.75 (1)	£36.00 (3)	£105.45 (5)
Spring	£32.00 (2)	£73.75 (3)	£153.60 (6)
Total	£50.75	£109.55	£259.05

It was confirmed that one of the previous users was now using an organisation called Travel Companions where the individual only pays the petrol costs. Members were asked to get in touch with Shirley Pearson if they have any knowledge of this organisation as this would obviously be a cheaper way for members to get to classes.

9. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

Section 5 Paragraph 5.1 Final Sentence

Resolution: There shall be a quorum when one tenth of the members or not less than thirty (30) members are present.

The Chair noted the proposed resolution to amend the constitution regarding the quorum at the AGM and the reasons for the amendment. The resolution was carried unanimously.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Margaret Fearnley expressed her thanks to all the Committee Members, Tutors and officers of the U3A who help to keep the organisation functioning to best effect.

10.2 Ted Duggan outlined the history of the prospectus and congratulated all concerned on its continued production.

10.3 Barry Wilson asked that flyers be completed for the Arts and Crafts Event.

The meeting closed at 2.45 pm

Huddersfield U3A 2017-18 Accounts					
<u>Income and Expenditure Account</u>					
<u>Income</u>			<u>Expenditure</u>		
2016/17		2017/18	2016/17		2017/18
£		£	£		£
17,369	Membership Fees	20,462	30,166	Venue Rents (Classes)	31,087
25,003	Class Fees	29,691	6,236	Office Rent	4,599
709	PAYE Functions	584	553	Class Fees Refunds	1,224
0	Exhibition	142	158	Membership Fees Refunds	165
886	Donations	602	314	Stationery, etc.	345
852	Sundries	18	2,030	Printing/Photocopying	2,133
0	Disabled Transport Donations		805	IT Costs	715
0	Luncheon Clubs		20	Tutors' Special Expenses	159
0	Bank Account Interest		3,597	Tutors' Expenses	3,549
0	Building Society Interest	242	966	Office & Staff Expenses	1,165
8,917	Gift Aid	3,118	818	Trips	920
0	Bequest		300	Donations	350
490	Trips	782	100	Sundries	54
			259	Transport for the Disabled	102
			120	Luncheon Clubs	0
			3,164	Postage	3,044
			0	Class Equipment	0
			187	Capital Equipment	420
			569	Insurance	579
			86	Carol Service	94
			1,017	Tutors' Lunch	878
			0	Bank Charges	0
			552	Telephone	500
			546	PAYE	509
			25	Events	277
54,226		55,641	52,588		52,868
0	Deficit for Year	0	1,638	Surplus for Year	2,774
54,226		55,641	54,226		55,641

Huddersfield U3A			
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2018			
31-Mar-17			31-Mar-18
		<u>Assets</u>	
35,477		Yorkshire Building Society	35,719
19,656		HSBC	21,351
1,048		Stock of Postage Stamps/F Machine	440
56,181			57,510
		<u>Liabilities</u>	
8,566		Venue Rents - Classes	4,685
577		Other Staff/Office/IT Expenses	492
8,288		Membership Fees Received in Advance	10,575
2,441		Class Fees Received in Advance	2,716
220		Tutors LunchTutors Expenses	0
154		Transport for Disabled	31
0		Insurance	302
20,246			18,801
35,935		<u>Net Assets</u>	38,709
		<u>Represented by:</u>	
34,297		Members' Fund b/f	35,935
1,638		Add Surplus for Year	2,774
0		Less Deficit for Year	
35,935		Members' Fund c/f	38,709

Examiner's Report for the 2017/18 Accounts of U3A

I report on the accounts of the Huddersfield & District U3A for the year ended 31.3.2018. The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charities Commission (under sec 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures that may be included in the accounts, seeking explanations, where necessary, from trustees. These procedures do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit so I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with sec 130 of the 2011 Act:

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; nor

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Alan G Fletcher
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17 September 2018

HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT U3A

NOMINATION FOR ELECTION TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Nominee (full name) _____ Position _____

Proposer _____ Signature _____ Membership No _____

Seconder _____ Signature _____ Membership No _____

I agree to this nomination

Nominee signature _____ Membership No _____ Date _____

Nominations should be received in the office in writing expressing interest in and suitability for any available vacancy before 11 October 2018