

**WYRE FOREST & DISTRICT**

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

'Those who teach shall also learn and those who learn shall also teach'

INFORMATION SHEET**What is the University of the Third Age?**

It's a unique and exciting self-help educational movement for people no longer in full time employment.

What does it offer?

The opportunity to pursue learning for sheer enjoyment and for its own sake.

Shared learning experiences in a wide range of interest groups.

New Friendships.

Wyre Forest & District U3A meets once a month on the third Monday of the month (with the exception of August when we do not meet) at 2.00pm in Kidderminster Town Hall.

At our meetings, we have a talk/demonstration etc. on a wide range of interesting topics, information on group activities, a book stall, refreshments, and most importantly, the opportunity to meet and chat with fellow members.

Admission is free for members and £1.50 for non-members. Non-members are allowed to attend a total of 3 monthly and/or group meetings, before deciding to join the U3A, for which the annual membership fee is £17.00.

Renewal date is April 1st

(For new members enrolling from or after October 1st, the fee is £8.50 for the half year.)

VISITORS ARE WELCOME!**OUR OWN WEB SITE**

We have our own branch web site for the Wyre Forest & District U3A which is constantly being updated. On it there are full details of main meetings, all our groups & their activities, when & where they meet, reports of events & contact details. There is also a link on it to the National U3A web site.

If you would like to visit our site please click on: www.wyreforestu3a.org.uk

Please note: the password for the members section of the web site is on the back of your membership card.

For further information, please contact Janice Evans, Branch Secretary. Contact details on Page 2, or e-mail: enquiries@wyreforestu3a.org.uk

DIARY: 2014**MONTHLY MEETINGS & SPEAKERS**

July 21st	Cora Weaver	Florence Nightingale & the Malvern Water Cure.
August	No Meeting	
Sept.15th	David Bartley	An Afternoon of Black Country Poetry & Banter
Oct. 20th	AGM (see below)	After the AGM displays of interest groups
Nov. 17th	Dennis Plant	The Work of the Commonwealth Graves Commission & display of World War 1 memorabilia. (see below)

U3A Wyre Forest & District Annual General Meeting

This will take place on **Monday, October 20th 2014 in Kidderminster Town Hall at 2pm.**

All information about this together with Executive Committee nomination forms etc are at the end of this information sheet.

The information & forms are also on our web site.

Following the formal procedures of the AGM there will be **displays showing the activities of the interest groups** enjoyed by the members throughout the last 12 months.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS SINCE THE START OF WORLD WAR ONE

The **monthly meeting to be held on November 17th 2014** will be used to mark the above anniversary.

There will be a speaker and the subject will be:

'The Origins and Work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission'

It is hoped to have **displays of mementos and artefacts** from World War 1 around the Hall and the Corn Exchange.

If anyone has such items and would be willing to allow them to be put on display will they please contact:

Dennis Plant on 01299 861550 or at dennisplant1939@gmail.com

Our Household Directory of recommended "Trades People" whom Members have found to be reliable & trustworthy. **is on Page 5. (This is also on our web site).**

U3A Wyre Forest & District Executive Committee. Elected November 18th 2013.

Office	Name	Other Duties	Phone	EEmail
Chairman	Rhydwen Foreman		01562 752581	foreman705@btinternet.com
Vice Chairman	Elaine Yates	Group Co-ordinator	01562 66201	e.yates@blueyonder.co.uk
Secretary	Janice Evans		01562 755660	janiceevans1713@gmail.com
Treasurer	Mike Price		01562 630123	gingerbeard@blueyonder.co.uk
	Mike Carter	Sound Equipment	01562 746913	mjcarter44@btinternet.com
	Sue Deakin	Membership Secretary	01299 825954	suedeakin@yahoo.co.uk
	Martin Delahay	Speakers Vote of Thanks	01562 755834	mdel@talktalk.net
	Sheila Foreman	Catering Organiser	01562 752581	foreman705@btinternet.com
	Valerie Jarrett	Meet & Greet	01562 66905	valeriejarrett2005@yahoo.co.uk
	Janet Mann	Welcome Desk	01299 400794	janet@mann-family.co.uk
	Margaret Nicholls	Minutes	01562 863034	nicholls40@yahoo.com
	Jackie Osborn	Information Sheet	01299 832593	jcosborn@btinternet.com
	Jill Taylor	Speaker Host	01562 67080	jill@twojays.info



Please contact any Committee Member for help or advice about our U3A.

Committee meeting dates are: 2014: Sept 8th. AGM Oct.20th.

If any Member wishes to have a copy of approved minutes, please apply to Janice Evans, Secretary.
A copy of the approved minutes will be on the main notice board at main meetings from July onwards.

Group Notices

N.B: Many Groups will not be meeting in the July/August/Sept. Period. Please check before you go.

Potential New Groups

Making Music	Do you have an instrument that you once used to play, hidden away in the loft, in the wardrobe or under the bed gathering dust? Would you like to have a go at being part of a fun group, rubbing off the rust, dusting off the dust and making music together? Well, good news! We are hoping to start such a group and we would like to hear from you. Our aim will be to have fun making music together. So, get out those drums, recorders, penny whistles, guitars, tambourines, triangles, paper and combs – anything and everything will be welcome!
French Conversation Group	Some members have expressed an interest in a French Conversation Group. We really need someone who would be prepared to lead this group.
Music Appreciation Group 2	Names being collected of people who are interested,

To suggest an idea for a group, to express interest in joining a potential group or for further information contact:

Elaine Yates Group Co-ordinator Tel: 01562 66201 or Email: groupcoordinator@wyreforestu3a.org.uk

New Groups

Strictly4Fun Keep Fit group has started.

It meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 2pm at Holy Innocents Community Hall, Kidderminster.

The **Theatre/Concert Group** is underway, some Autumn bookings have been made.

Details of both on Group Pages.

Groups with Spaces

Some of our groups are looking for more members:

Genealogy, Astronomy, Book reading Group 1, Bridge, Film, Jazz, Scrabble/Rummikub, Singing for Pleasure & Poetry for Beginners.

See Group pages for contact details.

Change of Venue

From August 7th, The **Genealogy** Group will meet at the Gainsborough House Hotel, Bewdley Hill at 10am.

Change of Names

Jazz Appreciation is now **Big Band Swing & Jazz Appreciation**.
Focus on Art is now **Focus on the Arts**.

GROUPS

Updated 11.7.14

N.B. It is advisable to contact group leaders before attending groups for the first time. The information on the group list is a guide only, for up-to-date details, please contact the Group Leaders or Group Co-Ordinator.

GROUP	LEADER	CONTACT	VENUE	DAY	TIME	FREQUENCY
Amblers	Pauline Pitchford	01562 743430	Various	1st Wed	10.30am	Monthly
		E-mail: amblers@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Art	Ruth Cope or Mary Fieldsend Maureen Bowdler	01562 755204 01562 753883 01299 269233	Baptist Church Franche	Tuesday	2pm	Weekly
		E-mail: art@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Art Appreciation (New Group)	Elaine Yates	01562 66201	Kidderminster	2nd Thurs	2pm	Monthly
		E-mail: artappreciation@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Astronomy	Neil Scott	01562 631492	Wilton Ave.Com Hall Franche	1st Wed	2pm	Monthly
		E-mail: astronomy@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Badminton	Sue Cross	01384 374744	Stourport Sports Centre	Wed	11am	Weekly
		E-mail: badminton@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Big Band Swing & Jazz Appreciation (was Jazz Appreciation)	John Pedley	01905 456007	Comm. Hall, Wribbenhall	3rd&4th Wed	2pm	Twice monthly
		E-mail: jazzappreciation@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Book Reading 1	Graham Hunt	01299 878358	Wilton Ave.Com.Hall Franche	3rd Thurs	10am	Monthly
		E-mail: bookreading1@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Book Reading 2	Lynn Forth	01562 67836	Wilton Ave.Com.Hall Franche	2nd Thurs	10am	Monthly
		E-mail: bookreading2@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Bowls	Diana Foster	01562 743581	White Wickets Park, Franche Rd. Kidderminster	Tues	2pm	Weekly
		E-mail: bowls@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Bridge	Anne Plant	01299 861550	Shatterford Village Hall	Mon(not3rd)	2pm	Weekly
		E-mail: bridge@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Craft	Sheila Munden	01562 636333	Wilton Ave.Com.Hall Franche	Fri (last)	10am	Monthly
		E-mail: craft@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Dancing	Sue Langley	01299 861031	Shatterford Village Hall	3rd Thurs	2pm	Monthly
		E-mail: dancing@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Film	Tony Flynn	01299 401158	Com. Hall Wribbenhall	2nd Wed	1.15-4pm	Monthly Oct-June
		E-mail: film@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Flower Arranging	Sheila Munden	01562 636333	Baptist Church Franche	1st Thurs	2-4pm	Monthly
		E-mail: flowerarranging@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Focus on the Arts (was Focus on Art)	Chris Millyard	01562 747019	Kidderminster	4th Thurs	2pm	Monthly
		E-mail: focusonart@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Gardening	Janice Evans	01562 755660	Broadwaters Methodist Hall	2nd Wed	7pm	Monthly
		E-mail: gardening@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Genealogy N.B: change of venue.	Beryl Buckley	01562 637185	*Gainsborough House Hotel. Kidderminster	1st Thurs	10am	Monthly
		E-mail: genealogy@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Geology	Michael Carter	01562 746913	Various	4th Wed	2pm	Monthly
		E-mail: geology@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Geography	Dennis Plant	01299 861550	Wilton Ave.Com.Hall Franche	1st Friday	2pm	Monthly
		E-mail: geography@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Hand Bell Ringing L's Bells (beginners)	Liz Struckett	01299 878461	Summerfield Rd. Stourport	Wed	2pm	Weekly
	Anne Plant	01299 861550	Bewdley	Tuesday	10.30am	Fortnightly
	E-mails: handbellringing@wyreforestu3a.org.uk		lsbells@wyreforestu3a.org.uk			
History	Geoff Bayley	01562 751065	Holy Innocents Comm.Hall, Kidder	1st Mon	2pm	Monthly
		E-mail: history@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				

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GROUP LIST CONTINUED

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Humour	Jim Wilkinson	01562 746750	Kidderminster	2nd Thurs	2pm	Monthly
		E-mail: humour@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Industrial History	Michael Carter	01562 746913	Various	2nd Friday	10.30am	Monthly
		E-mail: industrialhistory@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Luncheon	Ann Evanson	01562 850489	Various			Monthly
		E-mail: luncheon@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Mah Jong	Cathryn Plain	01562 741828	Wilton Ave.Com.Hall Franche	1st&3rd Fri	10am	Twice monthly
		E-mail: mahjong@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Mah Jong 2 Beginners.	Margaret Marks	01299 403915	Wilton Ave.Com.Hall Franche	1st Thurs	10am	Monthly
		E-mail: mahjong2@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Military History	Dennis Plant	01299 861550	Lock Inn Wolverley	4th Mon	2pm	Monthly
		E-mail: militaryhistory@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Music Appreciation	Diana Foster	01562 743581	Various	2nd Thurs	2pm	Monthly
		E-mail: musicappreciation@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Natural History	Gill Price	01562 630123	Various	3rd& 4thThurs	10.30am	Twice Monthly
		E-mail: naturalhistory@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
On The Buses	Pauline James	01562 753100	Various	Saturday	Various	Various
		E-mail: onthebuses@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Play Reading	Valerie Godfrey	01562 884335	Hagley	1st Thurs	2pm	Monthly
		E-mail: playreading@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Poetry for Pleasure	Beryl Greenwood	01562 631820	Various	Last Friday	10am	Monthly
		E-mail: poetryforpleasure@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Poetry for Beginners	Cathryn Plain	01562 741828	Various	Last Friday	10am	Monthly
		E-mail: poetryforbeginners@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Satellite Singers	Derek Grainger Elaine Yates	01562 753986 01562 66201	St.Ambrose Church Hall Kidder.	Thurs	10am	Fortnightly
		E-mail: satellitesingers@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Scrabble/Rummikub	Liz Struckett	01299 878461	Comm. Hall, Wribbenhall.	4thThurs	2pm	Monthly
		E-mail: scrabble@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Seize The Day	Valerie Jarrett	01562 66905	Various summer activities	Last Sat	Various	Monthly
		E-mail:seizetheday@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Singing for Pleasure	Anne Plant	01299 861550	Shatterford Village Hall	Tuesday	10am	Alt Tues
		E-mail: singing@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Storytelling	Elaine Yates	01562 66201	Kidderminster	3rd Thurs	2pm	Monthly
		E-mail: storytelling@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Strictly4Fun Keep Fit New Group	Jane Gardner	01562 743585	Holy Innocents Comm. Hall	4th Monday	2pm	Monthly
		E-mail: strictly4funkeepfit@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Strollers	Pauline Pitchford	01562 743430	Various	2nd Wed	10.30am	Monthly
		E-mail: strollers@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
The Science of Life	Sue Langley	01299 861031	St.Chads Church Hall Comberton	2nd Tues	2pm	Monthly
		E-mail: thescienceoflife@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
The Science of Life Beginners.	Sue Langley	01299 861031	Wilton Ave.Com.Hall Franche	2nd Fri	2pm	Monthly
		E-mail: thescienceoflife@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Theatre/Concert New Group	Anne Jarvis	01562 752182	Various	Various		
	Margaret Nicholls	01562 863034				
		E-mail: theatreconcert@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				
Ukulele	Martin Delahay	01562 755834	Baptist Church Franche	2nd& 4th Wed	10am	Twice monthly
		E-mail: ukulele@wyreforestu3a.org.uk				

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Household Services Directory

This is a list of recommended "Household Trades People" whom members have found to be reliable and trustworthy.

The list will not just cover household trades people, but can cover services such as taxi firms, dog walkers, home care agencies, gardeners, pharmacy services, estate agents, decorators, window cleaners, boarding kennels; in fact anyone who offers a really excellent service which can make our lives a little easier and safer.

All that is needed is the person's name/company name and their contact details.

Members will not be held responsible for their recommendations.

On contacting any of the people listed, Please mention that you found them on the Wyre Forest U3A Information sheet or web site.

Please pass on your recommendations to Janice Evans either by:

Phone:01562 755660 or email:janiceevans1713@gmail.com

Beautician			
Precious Moments	Lisa Davies	01562 820334	
Builders - Roofing Specialists, Conservatories. Soffits & Gutterings			
PD Roofing	Paul Pulling	01299 829529	www.pd-roofing.co.uk
Car Accident Repair Specialists			
CARS	01562 825282	repairs@carskidderminster.co.uk	
Car Valeting			
Professional Car Valeting	Mike Ellis	07528 519029	mjellis@googlemail.com
Carpentry Services			
VLM Carpentry	Vaughan Lendon-Montrose	01562 634334	www.vlmcarpentryservices.co.uk
Carpet Cleaning			
Steve Birch Cleaning	01562 754750	www.stevebirchcleaning.co.uk	
Elmfield Carpet Cleaners	01299 402264	07591 151278	
Chimney Sweep & Woodburners Installation			
Brookes Sweeps	Ian Brookes	01299 827865	www.brookessweeps.co.uk
Chiropodists			
Chiropody Care	Mrs. V. Eeles MSCh SRCh	01562 541529	01562 541443
Coach Hire			
Mawley Oak Travel	Paul Hill	01299 270207	www.mawleyoaktravel.co.uk
Computer Repairs			
J&P Electronics.	Repairs and spares.	John	01562 753893
Computer-Tec	Repairs & Upgrades	Dale Harper	01299 878232 07793 457808
Computer - Solving IT Problems			
Plain Sailing	Lionel Plain	07582 903116	www.plain-sailing.net
Dog Walking Service			
Dog Walker	Alison Broome	007521 681983	
Domestic Cleaning Service			
Stacey Massey	One off Spring Clean or regular visits	01562 515132	(Prince's Trust Member)
Domestic Gardening Maintenance Service			
Sarah Surrige	One off or regular visits	01562 746714	
Double Glazing Repairs			
Window Rite	Steve Bevan	01562 630411	
DDM Windows Ltd.	01562 745995		
E-Bay -Learn how to Buy and Sell			
Plain Sailing	Lionel Plain	07582 903116	www.plain-sailing.net
Electrical Services			
Selectrical Electrical Work	Steve Eggington	01299 841167	

Household Services Directory (continued)

Fencing & Decking

R.P.Fencing & Decking 01299 878832 robertp 63@hotmail.com

Fitted Bedrooms, Kitchens, Home Office

Kudos Design Improvement Andy 01299 824380

Hairdressers

Tangles Hair Design Spennells Estate 01562 822454

Heating & Plumbing Installations & Servicing

Tony Smith & Sons Ltd. Bromsgrove 01527 871563 mob: 07966 397769

Household Maintenance & Decorating

Mike's Services Mike Ellis C7G qualified decorator 07528 519029 mjellis@googlemail.com

Household Plumbing Services & Bathroom Installations

G.E.T. Plumbing Terry Gameson 01299 403011

House Repairs, Maintenance & Extensions

Weston Builders 01562 515018

Landscape Design

Landscapes By Design Bob Deakin 01562 777410 www.landscapes-by-design.co.uk

Green Leaf Landscapes & Design Kevin Hayes 01299 400465

Oven Cleaning Services

Oven Brite 01562 66532 mob. 07966 270348

Painter and Decorator

Haydn Smith 01562 636284

Plumbing Services

Pete the Plumber Pete Herbert 07970 907608

Printing and Photocopying Services

The Best Copy Shop Derek Bonnett 01562 827649 thebestcopyshop@aol.com

Property Services

C.A.M. Property Maintenance Services 01299 253206 07450 189290

Room Hire for Celebrations

The Executive Suite, Kidderminster Harriers FC Helen Macdonald 01562 823931 www.harriers.co.uk

Timber Flooring

Period Property Renovation Bob Deakin 01562 777410 www.landscapes-by-design.co.uk

Roofing Repairs

P.T. Harris Pete Harris 01562 751354

Roofing Services, Repairs, UPVC Facias, Gutters & Sofits

D. Green Roofing Services 01562 633600 d.greenroofingservices@hotmail.co.uk

Special Event Hire: Live Plants, Trees & Lights

Wyre Hire Bill White info@wyrehire.co.uk 01299 400726

Television & Video Installation & Repairs

Vision & Audio Services Ltd. 01562 822567

Tool Hire

HIRE IT Gavin Lawrence 01562 744994 www.thetoolhireshop.com

TV Aerial Installation

Aerials Kidderminster Wayne Tipper 01562 950017 mob. 07877 934027

Upholstery Specialist

The Furniture Tailor Callum Merrick 01562 752235

Window Cleaner - Ladderless

Callum 01562 63963 www.yourhomewindowcleaning.com

Window Installers

Smart Fit Windows Installers Richard/Darren 07534 512041 smartfit.windows@blueyonder.co.uk

**Wyre Forest & District University of the Third Age
Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday 20th October 2014**

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. To approve the minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting
3. Chairman's Report.
4. To receive and approve the Annual accounts for the year ending 31st March 2013
5. To approve the appointment of Mr. John Gaston as an independent examiner for the 2014/15 accounts.
6. To consider and vote on a resolution proposed by the Executive Committee to amend clauses in the constitution as detailed below:

NB This resolution will require not less than 67% of members present to vote in favour, in order to be carried.

- a. Section 7 (iv) Appointment of Officers.

present clause reads "Other officers such as deputies, Group Coordinator etc shall be appointed by the Executive Committee at its first meeting after each AGM"

Proposed new clause "Other roles and responsibilities such as Group Coordinator and Membership Secretary shall be decided by the Executive Committee at its first meeting after each AGM"

- b. Section 7 (ix) Co-options to Executive Committee.

present clause reads "The Executive Committee may in addition appoint not more than two co-opted members of the Executive Committee (who must be U3A members) who shall have full voting rights and hold office until the next AGM"

Proposed new clause " The Executive Committee may in addition appoint not more than two co-opted members to the Executive Committee (who must be U3A members) who shall have full voting rights and hold office until the next AGM"

- c. Section 7 (vi. b, c and d) Terms of office and limits on periods of service.

present clauses read

7 (vi. b) "Officers other the Treasurer have a one term of office and may serve not more than three consecutive terms in a particular role officer role"

7 (vi. c) "The Treasurer has a one term of office and may serve not more than six consecutive terms as Treasurer"

7 (vi. d) " Subject to the provisions regarding the Treasurer above, no individual may serve more than a maximum of six consecutive years in any combination of Officer roles or any combination of non Officer member and Officer roles.

Proposed new change " That the role of Secretary has the same terms of office and limits on periods of service" This would mean the word Secretary being inserted alongside that of Treasurer in clauses, Section 7 (vi. b. c and d)

7. Election of Officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary.
8. Election of Committee Members.

Formal closure of 2014 Annual General Meeting.

Date of next AGM Monday 19th October 2015

Wyre Forest & District U3A
Minutes AGM Meeting October 21st 2013

Members present (approx): 150. Visitors: 8

The Chairman welcomed members & visitors to the meeting.

Minutes of the last AGM: Val Jarrett asked if we were working to the new constitution **at** last year's AGM or **after** that meeting. The Chairman explained that 2012-2013 was a transitional year. Keith Prince said he believed there was no such thing as an interim year & when one constitution ends & is replaced by a new constitution then that takes effect immediately. Margaret Nicholls pointed out that in the minutes of last year's AGM, Paul Noons had asked when the new constitution would be adopted & was told that it would be effective from after that meeting. Rhyd explained that as some of the Committee members had been voted on previous to that meeting, before the new constitution, there was a period of overlap. Ann Evanson proposed that the minutes should be signed as a true record, seconded by Ted Bonner, carried unanimously.

Chairman's Report: The new constitution came into effect immediately after the 2012 AGM. Consequentially, any committee members other than the Treasurer may stand for a maximum of 3 years. The Treasurer may stand for a maximum of 6 years. This was to keep continuity in that job & also Treasurers were not easy to find. Any volunteers for this post for the future would be welcomed. No committee members may propose or second any member to the committee.

The constitution was changed partly because we wished to apply for charitable status. This was applied for & granted immediately. As we now have charitable status we can only fulfil the object of our U3A which is solely to promote education. This means that we cannot financially support other charities directly. This included the collection for the memorial to Betty Yates which had to, therefore, be donated by individuals & a tree has been planted in Bewdley as the memorial & marked accordingly.

Grants have been made from the money in our funds to members who attend educational courses, this was a maximum of 10% but has now been increased to maximum 25%. Application forms are available. Keith Prince asked what this money was spent on, the chairman explained this goes to the cost of the course only. Grants had also been made to some of our groups for costs of equipment.

We now have around 40 groups & 400 members in our branch.

The newsletter has now been replaced by a smaller, information sheet which is produced approx. every 3 months. The newsletter in its previous form had become an onerous task to produce & print and we now have a new website run by Tim Yates. Rhyd thanked Jackie Osborn for the work done on the newsletter & continues to do on the information sheet & Tim Yates for the tremendous work he does for the web site. Rhyd thanked the Group Leaders for all the work they do & the enthusiasm they show in their groups, without them, the U3A would not exist.

Thanks were also given to committee members for the work they do & in particular to the members who were standing down this time for the years of service they have given. A special thank you was given to Mick Price as Treasurer & Janice Evans as Secretary for the good work they do.

Annual Accounts: Mick Price gave a written summary of the year's accounts. He thanked Alan Crouch for his help in examining the accounts.

Ken Adderley asked for a comment about the £9000 held in the account. Brian Wakefield asked if reducing the members fees should be considered as the amount held seemed high. Rhyd replied that ways of using branch funds would be decided by the new committee. Brian then asked how the amount for depreciation was calculated & Mike said that this was explained on Page 3 of the report.

Approval of the accounts was proposed by Penny Cooper & seconded by Anne Plant & approved unanimously.

Election of Officers: The Chairman apologised that this year's nomination forms had not included the position for which nominations were made. This will be rectified for future years.

Margaret Nicholls asked Rhyd to inform Members of the alternative. Rhyd replied that correct nomination forms could be issued & an Extraordinary General Meeting would then be called in January 2014 to vote on the Officers.

However, Rhyd said that all positions had been nominated & seconded correctly as listed at the end of these minutes on page 2.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
Chairman	Rhydwen Foreman
Vice Chair	Elaine Yates
Treasurer	Michael Price
Secretary	Janice Evans

It was proposed by Bernard Page & seconded by Carol Clements that these officers be elected, carried unanimously.

Election of Committee Members:

5 members not standing for re-election: Cathryn Plain, Anne Plant, Dennis Plant, Gill Price, Jim Wilkinson.

4 nominations for new members: Michael Carter, Martin Delahay, Sheila Foreman, Janet Mann.

5 nominations for re-election: Susan Deakin, Valerie Jarrett, Margaret Nicholls, Jackie Douglas-Osborn, Jill Taylor.

The proposers & seconders are listed on sheets attached. (see below).

All the above were re-elected unanimously.

A.O.B. Norma Kettle asked if nominations should be made for the accounts examiner. Rhyd said this would be settled by the new committee.

The meeting closed at 2.35pm.

Date of the next AGM: October 20th 2014.

Nominations for officers AGM 2013

Chairman

Nominee Rhydwen Foreman
 Proposer Roger Evanson
 Seconded Maureen O'Neill

Vice Chair

Nominee Elaine Yates
 Proposer Ruth Hawkesford
 Seconded Joan Williams

Treasurer

Nominee Michael Price
 Proposer Geoff Bayley
 Seconded Elaine Yates

Secretary

Nominee Janice Evans
 Proposer Rose Lane
 Seconded Iris Leeson

Nominations for committee members AGM 2013

Nominee Michael Carter
 Proposer Ann Heaps
 Seconded Peter Worrall

Nominee Susan Deakin
 Proposer Sheila Munden
 Seconded Iris Leeson

Nominee Martin Delahay
 Proposer Elaine Yates
 Seconded Geoff Bayley

Nominee Sheila Foreman
 Proposer Ann Evanson
 Seconded Maureen O'Neill

Nominee Valerie Jarrett
 Proposer Marion Neal
 Seconded Val Ridding

Nominee Janet Mann
 Proposer Paul Mann
 Seconded Wenda Janes

Nominee Margaret Nicholls
 Proposer Keith Prince
 Seconded Venetia Crutch

Nominee Jackie Douglas-Osborn
 Proposer Anne Wilkinson
 Seconded Chris Douglas-Osborn

Nominee Jill Taylor
 Proposer Rosemary Roberts
 Seconded Brian Lynch

Wyre Forest & District U3A Election of Committee Members at the 2014 AGM

Officers willing to stand for election for another year's term of service:

Chairman, Rhydwen Foreman

Vice Chairman, Elaine Yates

Treasurer, Mick Price

Secretary, Janice Evans

Committee Members willing to stand for election for another year's term of service:

Mike Carter

Sue Deakin

Martin Delahay

Sheila Foreman

Valerie Jarrett

Janet Mann

Margaret Nicholls

Jackie Osborn

Committee members not standing for re-election in 2014 are:

Jill Taylor

Nomination(s) for election to the Executive Committee should be entered on the form below and sent to:

The Secretary, 17 Stewart Court, Kidderminster, DY10 1UR. [By Tuesday 2nd September 2014](#)

Wyre Forest & District U3A Nomination Form for **Chairman**

Full Name of Nominee.....

Proposer, Name & Signature.....

Seconded, Name & Signature.....

Nominee's Signature.....

Wyre Forest & District U3A Nomination Form for **Vice Chairman**

Full Name of Nominee.....

Proposer, Name & Signature.....

Seconded, Name & Signature.....

Nominee's Signature.....

Wyre Forest & District U3A Nomination Form for **Secretary**

Full Name of Nominee.....

Proposer, Name & Signature.....

Seconded, Name & Signature.....

Nominee's Signature.....

Wyre Forest & District U3A Nomination Form for **Treasurer**

Full Name of Nominee.....

Proposer, Name & Signature.....

Seconded, Name & Signature.....

Nominee's Signature.....

Wyre Forest & District U3A Nomination for **Committee member**

Full Name of Nominee.....

Proposer, Name & Signature.....

Seconded, Name & Signature.....

Nominee's Signature.....