Sudbury u3a learn, laugh, live

Minutes of the AGM held at Sudbury Rugby Club on Tuesday 24th February 2026

1. **Welcome**
   The Vice Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all members and explained the Chair's absence.

2. **Apologies for absence**
   These were received from Dorothy Beal, Clare and Brian Mortimer, Linda Blazey, Sandra Orford and Dorothy Slatter.

3. The Chair confirmed that there was a **Quorum** present.

4. **Minutes of the AGM held on 25th February 2025**
   There were no matters arising from the Minutes. It was proposed that the Minutes be adopted as a correct recording of the Meeting. Proposed by Terry Straight and seconded by Sue Savage.

5. **Chair's Report**

   2025 was another successful year for the u3a. This is down to four groups of people, the Members, Group leaders, RUG (Really Useful Group) and the Committee.

   We lost a few groups but gained others and there are currently 74 groups. These include Powerlifting, Archaeology, Otago exercises, Spanish for beginners and Writing Life.

   A huge thanks to all Group leaders and Lyn Gray as Group Co-ordinator. A special thank you for the September showcase meeting, which was a great success. Alan Walmsley and Pauline from u3a Board of Trustees were very impressed by what we have on offer to our members.

   Dorothy would like to express a huge thank you to all the committee, Meeters and Greeters, our Su3aN editor Bruce Clegg, our Auditor David Thompson, and webmaster John Middleton and RUG (Really Useful Group), Janet, Dee and their support team of volunteers, our unsung volunteers, who work behind the scenes to make everything run smoothly each month. A special mention to Conrad Bentley and Ian Cruttenden for the setting up and taking down each month at our speakers' meetings.

In May a new member's meeting is planned and a further meeting in September for Group Leaders. Date and venue to be confirmed.

The monthly coffee mornings have continued every third Wednesday at Friends' Meeting House. These are principally for members to meet, chat and bring along any possible new members. We are going to trial a meeting at Sudbury library in the centre of town from April.

Beacon continues to prove very useful in monitoring/informing and collating information. It is especially useful for ICE contacts for each group leader and saves checking membership cards. We currently have 73 users.

To ensure the continuing success of our u3a, it is essential to remember that all our members are volunteers, there are no paid positions. We are dependent on members to step up and offer themselves in any way they can. If you are not involved in some way, please consider what you might be able to offer.

We are pleased to offer presentations to Colette Bentley, Conrad Bentley, Lyn Gray and Robin Hart for her commitment over so many years.

Today we welcome our new committee for the forthcoming year and hope that 2026 will be another successful year for the u3a!

6. **Treasurer's Report**

   The Treasurer offered his annual and audited accounts. Our reserves are £17,000. The Committee are trying to reduce these reserves by keeping the membership fee at £12. This will be reviewed at the end of 2026. Proposed by Janet Cruttenden and seconded by John Freeborn.

7. **Auditor's Report**

   Acceptance of this was proposed by Moira Orton and seconded by Sue Campbell.

8. **Election of Chair and Officers**

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| Chair | Dorothy Beal | Unopposed |
| Vice Chair | Keith Hughes | Unopposed |
| Secretary | Sarah Tanswell | Unopposed |
| Treasurer | Andrew Taylor | Unopposed |
| Membership Secretary | Mike Fitzmarice | Unopposed |
| Groups' Coordinator | Margaret Ogles | Unopposed |

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| Speakers' Secretary | Sue Campbell | Unopposed |
| Beacon admin | Mike Fitzmaurice | Unopposed |

Those elected as committee members were:-

Robert Ogles, Dorothy Slatter and Dora Marchment, all Unopposed

All the above members voted on unanimously. Those new to the committee were introduced.

Bruce Clegg to remain as Publicity/Su3An Editor, while standing down from the committee.

9. **Presentation of Gifts and Certificates**

Gifts were presented by the Chair to Colette Bentley, Conrad Bentley and Bruce Clegg to thank them for their contributions to our U3A. Janet Cruttenden presented a gift to Lyn Gray.

Robin Hart is to receive a certificate to acknowledge her contribution. Joan Garner's contribution was also recognised.

10. **Any Other Business**

There was no other business. Lyn thanked the membership for attending and closed the meeting.