



U3A in Ludlow January 2021

Happy New Year

Annual General Meeting

The 2020 Annual General Meeting was concluded on 21 December – somewhat later than usual. After postponing the meeting planned for March, we had hoped to be able to hold it in person, but events somewhat overtook us.

As a registered charity, we are governed by our constitution which requires us to hold a meeting by the end of the calendar year and although meetings are ordinarily required to be held with people being physically present, in the interests of good governance the committee took the decision to hold the meeting online, via Zoom.

Although a good number of members logged in to the meeting on 30 November, our constitution requires that we have at least fifteen percent of members present in order to form a quorum and approve items of business. But, again in the interests of good governance, the decision was taken to allow business to be dealt with and resolutions made by those present, giving an opportunity for participation. The meeting was adjourned to 21 December.

The constitution does not require a quorum at the resumption of an adjourned meeting, so the decisions taken at the November meeting were simply put to those present, who were asked formally to confirm the approvals already made.

The minutes of the previous AGM, the Chairman's report and the Treasurer's report were all accepted without comment.

David Hatchell and Deborah Gentry were standing down from the committee and the rest of the committee (Robert Hodge, Peony Carpenter, Sue Billing, Janice Haines, Peter Law and Stuart Maclaren) were re-elected *en bloc*. Barbara Ball and Grace Wilkins were also elected to the committee.

Robert Hodge, Janice Haines, Barbara Ball and Grace Wilkins were elected as Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Ian Stewart was again appointed as external examiner of the accounts.

The business of the AGM was concluded with a vote of thanks to David Hatchell for his six years as our very effective and competent Treasurer with wishes for a well-earned respite, and to Deborah Gentry for her three years of keeping the committee on the straight and narrow as Secretary.

It is anticipated that our next AGM will be held at the end of September 2021, though a final decision will not be made until March. We rather hope – with no sense of certainty it must be said – that we will be able to meet in person, with coffee and cake (!) and perhaps a talk or some other way of marking the occasion.

Dr Robert HODGE
Chairman

Christmas and New Year puzzle

This is an unusual piece to include in monthly News, but then these are unusual times!

Discover the theme that unites these items and then place the items in order.

Continental birds

Strictly

Birds on the phone

Olympic bling

Birds on sunbeds

Fruity bird

Hurdles

Farm workers

Reptile birds

Percussion

Woodwind

Birds on a pond

Bridge Group

A number of members of the U3A Bridge Group have become very active, using a free on-line Bridge website called Bridgebase Online (BBO), to play together. There are at least six groups of four each week. BBO keeps a history of the hands that have been played, so that people can go back and look at what they did (and might have done). Some of the groups also have a video conference call the following day to discuss what went right and what wrong. There is a real mixture of abilities playing, and learning, so new members are always welcome. Contact Steve Binns at steve.binns@gmail.com.

Monday Meetings 2021

The January and February Monday talks will commence at 11am via Zoom and your link to the Zoom meetings will be included in the forthcoming email monthly News.

January 25 Barrow to Baghdad and Back Again

Author of the Jack Castle novels, Philip Caine, will tell us about his adventurous life in the oil industry in distant places, which provided the inspiration for his adventure/thriller novels.

Zoom presentation. Here is the Zoom link

<https://zoom.us/j/93508662192?pwd=eC9McjVrRkcxc3BETUNjWmtuZlV5dz09>

Alternatively – go to <https://zoom.us/join> and enter the following information:

Meeting ID: 935 0866 2192

Passcode: 327034

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February 22 Music in Art

Professional musician Sophie Matthews will explore the links between the visual and the aural, drawing on the works of great painters. **Zoom presentation**

March 29 The Best of British

The Secret of Wensleydale, Black Gold in the Lake District, the Devil's Porridge, and a Trip to (the) Looe and Much More! Join Ian and Hilary Templeton on their entertaining and informative trip round Britain. **Details of where/how this talk will be delivered will be provided nearer the time.**

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