



Annual General Meeting:

At our AGM on Thursday 2nd May we elected the Committee for the coming year, as follows:

- Chairman – David Moncaster
- Vice-Chair – Pam Ruddy
- Secretary – Laurene Henderson
- Treasurer – David Henderson
- Committee Members – Ann Barber, Jan Hayes-Griffin, Jane Hammans & Pat Weir

Tim Shearcroft was re-appointed as Independent Examiner.

The Annual Accounts for the Financial Year ended 31st March 2024 were approved.

The following Motions for changes to the Constitution were approved:

Motion 1:

With effect from the earliest date that any necessary approvals are obtained after the AGM held in May 2024 the Constitution shall be amended as follows: In Paragraph 1 the words "The Wissey U3A" shall be deleted and the following words substituted: "The Swaffham & District U3A".

Motion 2:

With effect from the earliest date that any necessary approvals are obtained after the AGM held in May 2024 the Constitution shall be amended as follows: In Paragraph 4.1 (iv) the words "The principal officers can serve for a maximum of 6 years and the ordinary members for a maximum of 3 years" shall be deleted and the following words substituted: "The Committee members (both principal officers and ordinary members) can serve for a maximum of 7 years."

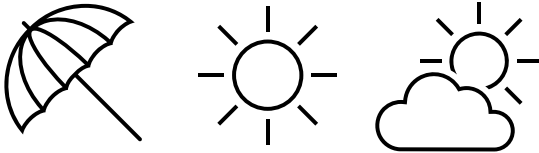
The following Resolutions were also approved:

Monthly Meeting:



Our next monthly meeting will be on **Thursday 6th June** when we will be having a talk on **Climate Change**

presented by **David Jones** from the **Swaffham Climate & Environment Group**



As usual we will meet in The Pavilion, School Road, Holme Hale, IP25 7DP Doors open at 9.45am for refreshments and socialising with the meeting starting promptly at 10.30am. We finish by 12 noon.

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Resolution A:

For the purposes of Paragraph 4.1 (iv), as amended by Motion 2 above, the previous service as Committee members of those currently serving shall be discounted and the time limit of 7 years shall be counted from the date of the 2024 AGM.

Resolution B:

With effect from 1st April 2025:

The Joining Fee for a new member shall be increased from £10 to £12

The Renewal Subscription for existing members shall be increased from £8 to £10

The Joining Fee for an Associate member shall be increased from £7 to £8

The Renewal Subscription for Associate members shall be increased from £4 to £6

'Jolly Days Out':

Last month a letter in regard to this new joint initiative with Dereham u3a was circulated. Please note that the proposed trip to the Norfolk Lavender Fields and Hunstanton has been cancelled.

However, the trip to Hyde Hall RHS Garden in Essex on Wednesday 31st July is still going ahead and bookings have been brisk.

Coach leaves Dereham 8.30am. Departs Hyde Hall 4pm. Coach cost £32 per person. Entrance to Hyde Hall free to RHS members. Group tickets available to non-members £13.35 per person. Pick up point for Wissey members to be advised shortly.

Further information, terms and conditions, and booking forms are available on the Dereham U3A website:
<https://dereham.u3asite.uk/outingsjolly-days-out/> Please enter your Wissey membership number, if you know it, when

you book. If not, enter a question mark ? to enable the submit button to operate.

Activity Groups:

A copy of the latest Schedule is attached.

April Meeting:

Those of you who were at the April meeting will recall Barry Rafael's interesting talk on 'The Valient Years'. The u3a rules prevent our own members benefitting financially, so the speaker's fee was donated to charity. Barry has shared with us this very nice 'thank you' letter:

Dear Squadron Leader Raphael,

Thank you very much for showing your pride in the RAF with a kind donation of £50.00 to the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund. It will be used with great care to support RAF veterans, serving men and women, and their families who are facing a difficult time.

We're the RAF Benevolent Fund, and we're here to support people who are serving – or have served – and their families, when they need it most. From counselling and financial support to adapting homes or replacing boilers, from the big challenges to the small changes, we can help people live with the dignity and independence they deserve.

For over 100 years, we've been the RAF's most devoted friend, supporting the whole of the RAF Family – from the oldest veteran to the youngest child. Together, we'll continue to be here for as long as they need us.

Our family would not be what it is today without the generosity of people like you. It is the bedrock of everything we do. For that, we are deeply grateful.

With warm regards and thanks,
Supporter Care team

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