

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

What a year it has been! A referendum vote that will undoubtedly change our relationship with our European neighbours, the emergence of new political leaders in both the UK and the USA, and more locally, the promise of a world class opera house on our doorstep. Our membership has stabilised at just over 600 but happily, we continue to attract new members.

Being an organisation that depends on volunteers, we are indebted to those who run our groups and help in other ways. It is always a pleasure to thank them at what has become a regular get together each New Year, and this year was no exception. Some groups decided to call it a day and to stop meeting, others saw a change of leadership and, the most exciting of all, we have three new groups to join; two new book groups and a supper club. Thanks to the efforts of Denise Smee, a Boules group is going to be our next venture. Of special note during the year was the contribution made by Grace Notes, our music making group, to the BBC's Virtual Orchestra project and the photographs taken by members of our photography group for this year's Grace and Flavour calendar.

I was in two minds about the need for a Communications Questionnaire, but eventually it was sent to all members. We had over 200 responses, all of which were interesting and helpful. A group led by Richard Deighton analysed the responses and we are investigating the issue of a monthly News Bulletin by e-mail, with paper copies for those not using e-mail. I'm confident that this will ensure that we keep regular contact with as many members as possible. We will continue to publish our twice a year Newsletter and, for the moment, we will continue to publish our Directory and public notices.

U3A is such a good organisation that I am keen that its message of Learning, Laughing and Living is spread as widely as possible. You should notice some cars with the U3A logo in the back window. Over the coming months we will be making efforts to improve our local publicity so that even more people can benefit from our meetings. In a wider context I have joined the organising committees of both the Surrey U3A Network and those that organise the Study Days at the Menuhin Hall. Sharing our experiences with other U3As seems to me to be fruitful for us all. We can learn from others and they can learn from us. Remarkably, in March 2017 the 100th Surrey U3A Study Day will be held at the Menuhin Hall. It will be a celebration of all things to do with Surrey. We are contributing some photographs of the Horsley area.

To keep our financial reserves down to a sensible level for a charitable organisation, the committee is suggesting a reduction of the membership renewal subscription from £15 to £5 for one year (2018/9), coinciding with our 10th Anniversary year. We will be asking members to approve this at the AGM on March 22nd. We feel this is the most equitable way of returning to members the surplus funds which have built up.

Slowly but surely, we are taking measures to ensure that all members can join groups and get to meetings whenever they want. We will be responding positively to the endeavours of East Horsley Parish Council whose theme for the year is to combat isolation amongst local residents. It has been a stimulating year during which I have learned to be patient. Change, which should always be considered, cannot be hurried. The committee and I hope you have enjoyed the past year and together we can look forward with anticipation to the year ahead.

HORSLEY U3A ACCOUNTS for the period 1 January to 31 December 2016

12 months Jan- CHARITABLE INCOME & EXPENDITURE

12 months Jan- Dec 2015		12 months January- December 2016
£	Income	£
9,256	Membership subscriptions for the period	9,509
0	Other income	30
9,256	Total Income	9,539
	Expenditure	
3,042	U3A Trust Capitation Fee and Direct Mailing costs of Third Age Matters for the period	3,106
788	Village Hall expenses for the period for Monthly lectures	579
572	Speakers' expenses	545
683	Catering	775
198	Membership Administration	190
1,172	Membership communications incl newsletter etc and Directory	1,031
505	Activity Group Support	771
210	Sundries (including Secretary and other administration costs)	261
91	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	644
7,261	Total Expenditure	7,903
1,995	Surplus for year/period	1,636

BALANCE SHEET

31 Dec 2015	<u>Charitable Activities</u>	31 December 2016
£	Assets	£
9,820	Cash At Bank	11,519
772	Debtors (mainly TAT prepayments)	778
0	Loan to Social account	0
	Liabilities	
2,326	Prepayment of subscriptions	2,395
0	Other creditors and accruals	0
8,266	General Reserve	9,902
	Social Activities: (Theatre, concerts and other Outings)	
	Assets	£
1,891	Cash At Bank	4,067
	Liabilities	
0	Open events: prepayments from members less expenses to date	924
0	Loan from Charity accounts	0
0	Creditors	800
0	Accruals etc	0
1,891	Reserve	2,342

Richard Deighton

Treasurer

I have examined the Accounts for the period ended 31 December 2016 with the books and records of the Horsley U3A and certify them to be correct and in accordance therewith.

John Macdonald

Honorary Examiner of the Accounts

R Deighton 12 Jan 2017
John Macdonald 18/1/17

HORSLEY U3A ACCOUNTS for the period 1 January to 31 December 2016
Profitability of Social Events organised in 2016

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Brought Forward from 2015</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Outgoings</i>	<i>Balance carried forward to 2017</i>	<i>Surplus/ Deficit attributed to 2016</i>
<u>Theatre trips</u>						
Master Builder	02 March 2016	£0	£1,996	-£1,860	£0	£136
Half a Sixpence	17 August 2016	£0	£2,347	-£2,347	£0	£0
Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time	18 October 2016	£0	£1,980	-£1,895	£0	£85
Kite Runner	12 January 2017	£0	£2,230	-£1,753	£477	£0
Travesties	03 April 2017	£0	£2,425	-£1,978	£447	£0
<u>Coach trip to Arundel</u>	20 May 2016	£0	£1,500	-£1,495	£0	£5
<u>Music</u>						
Jazz Evening	01 July 2016	£0	£1,790	-£1,746	£0	£44
Messiah concert	17 December 2016	£0	£1,599	-£1,467	£0	£132
<u>Quiz Night</u>	30 September 2016	£0	£569	-£519	£0	£49
<u>Other</u>						
Wine Appreciation Group deposit	29 December 2016	£0	£800	£0	£800	£0
TOTAL						£451

Eighth Annual General Meeting, 2017
TO BE HELD AT 10.15 a.m. on Wednesday, 22nd March
In the East Horsley Village Hall
Doors open at 9.30 a.m. for refreshments until 10.10 a.m.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **To note Approved Minutes** of the last Annual General Meeting (*can be seen on our website*)
3. **To note the Chairman's Report**
4. **To approve the Examined Accounts** for the year ending **31st December 2016**
5. **To note and appoint Officers and Other Committee Members** (*unless stated Officers are elected for 2 years and other members 3 years expiring at the end of the relevant AGM*)
 - a) Gill Millership has completed her term of office and is retiring from the Committee
 - b) Ian Eversden, Chairman, Richard Deighton, Treasurer and Daphne Padfield, Secretary, Tony Heaney, Bill Hewlett and Peter Tallon continue as members of the Committee.
 - c) Denise Smee and David Lush having been co-opted as members during the current year have now been nominated to be members of the Committee and offer themselves for election.

Nominations for any vacant position on the Committee up for election (whether or not there is an existing nomination or offer for re-election as above) must be given in writing to the Secretary no later than 8th March. If, for any position, nominations exceed vacancies, an election shall be held by ballot.

6. **To approve the reappointment of Mr. John Macdonald** as independent Examiner of the Accounts.
7. **To approve a reduction in membership renewal subscription for the year 2018-2019 only, from £15 to £5**
8. **Questions from the floor.**

Meeting to conclude or be adjourned *for the monthly talk to start at 10.30 a.m.*

Dated 1st February

Daphne Padfield secretary