

Barmouth U3A

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

14 May 2014

Arts Room, Dragon Theatre, Barmouth

In the Chair: Alan Vincent, who welcomed all members present.

Present: 29 members

Apologies: David Bath, Wendy and Rod Bramley, Doreen Chapman, David Holloway, Patricia and John Percival.

Minutes:

The minutes of the AGM held on 8 May 2013 had been circulated to members with the notice of this meeting. Bronwen Dorling proposed they be accepted as a true record and Peter Leyden seconded the motion which was accepted by a show of hands.

Chairman's Report

Alan said his second year in office had been just as enjoyable as the first. Membership continues to creep upwards and at the end of March reached 118 members – a couple more than the previous year but, allowing for the natural end of year losses, this represents nearly 20 newcomers to our branch.

All our activity groups continue to be quite successful. Only yesterday Strollers recorded a personal best of 21 strollers. In addition we introduced Film Club last month and, after a slow start the second showing had a very respectable audience of over 30. The club meets on the second Thursday of every month in the afternoon.

Mary Howell resigned from the Committee during the year and we thank her for her efforts. Geraldine Vincent was co-opted and has taken up the post of Group Co-ordinator with enthusiasm. In fact her efforts resulted in a grant from Sports Council Wales which has paid for an additional Table Tennis table and equipment for both Table Tennis and Badminton, and also free sessions for both sports and lessons for the Badminton group to be provided by experienced players.

Sadly we recently lost one of our founder members in Rachel Cleaver. We will miss her, and I am sure that you will agree that Evelyn's tribute in the Newsletter expressed the feelings of all who knew Rachel.

Groups of a dozen or so have attended two N. Wales Study Days in the past year – Bangor's in October and Porthmadog's only a week ago. Bangor's day covered the Secret Lives of our Planet from Land to the Ocean.. Presented by University professors, this was an in-depth and detailed set of presentations and made it a tough day for some of us! Porthmadog's event was in lighter mode covering Welsh Myths and Legends, and with a

couple of very entertaining speakers. The 2015 Study Day may revert to an autumn date, but details are not yet available.

Evelyn, who has done a wonderful job, is giving up the organisation of the monthly meetings. Fortunately Jacqui Puddle volunteered to take on the role and was therefore co-opted onto the Committee. Many thanks to Evelyn for all her efforts and good luck to Jacqui.

Finally, two U3A groups visited Barmouth for walking holidays. Penmaenmawr brought 48 members at the end of April, and Devizes branch brought 33 in early May. In both cases the Committee arranged to provide them with an introduction to the area on their first evening by presenting George's Mawddach video at their hotel. Both evenings were a great success and I am sure it is something we will repeat should the opportunity arise.

### Treasurer's Report

The annual report (attached) had been circulated and the accounts independently examined by Denise Bott. Evelyn Richardson proposed and Sheila Walker seconded that the accounts be approved.

### Election of Committee

Elected for 3 years by a show of hands:

Jacqui Puddle and Geraldine Vincent

Re-elected for 3 years by a show of hands:

Christina Cook, Danny Jones, and Alan Vincent

### Election of Officers

Chairman:	Alan Vincent
Vice Chairman:	Peter Leyden
Treasurer:	Christina Cook
Secretary:	Bronwen Dorling
Minutes Secretary:	Marie Thomas

All re-elected for one year by a show of hands.

### Vote of Thanks

Members present thanked the Committee and Officers for another successful year's efforts.