

Barmouth U3A

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

13 May 2015

Arts Room, Dragon Theatre, Barmouth

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

Present: 15 members plus visiting speaker.

Apologies: Wendy and Rod Bramley, Janet Griffiths, Sylvia Heyworth, Joan and David Holloway, Danny Jones, Peter Leyden, John and Patricia Percival, Jacqui Puddle, Chris Rogers, June Simmonds, Norma Stockford, Sheila Walker.

Minutes:

The minutes of the AGM held on 14 May 2014 had been circulated to members with the notice of this meeting. Val Vine proposed they be accepted as a true record and Betty Oliver seconded the motion which was accepted by a show of hands.

Chairman's Report

Presenting his third and final report as Chairman, Alan was pleased to report that membership at the end of March reached 123, another small increase on the previous year's total of 118. However, these figures minimise the effort that group leaders and committee members put into recruiting new members to compensate for those who do not renew each year. In 2014/15 a creditable number of 26 new members signed up and, already for 2015/16, we have welcomed four more new members.

Although by national standards we are a small group, the strength of Barmouth U3A lies in the efforts of the committee and, perhaps even more particularly, of the group leaders, without whom no activities would happen. After three years as Chairman Alan was deeply aware how much was owed to the group leaders, and he wanted to thank them individually for their essential contribution:- Wendy Bramley (Badminton), Sylvia Heyworth (who took over the Book Group after the loss of Rachel), Christina Cook and Brian Williams (Bridge), Peter Leyden (Discussion and Walkers), Rhiannon Roberts (Lunch), Jacqui Puddle (Monthly Meeting), Jean Wilde (Needlecraft), Evelyn Richardson (Singing), John and Patricia Percival (Strollers), Geraldine Vincent (Table Tennis and (with Alan) Film Club). He also thanked Norma Stockford who has produced the Newsletter since 2010, and has now passed the editorship on to Alan.

It was with great sadness that he had to report the death of one of our founder members, Jack Richardson who, as well as his artistic contributions and enthusiastic involvement with both Strollers and Walkers, had also been an invaluable support to his wife, Evelyn, during her chairmanship. He is greatly missed.

