

**Minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting of the
Palmers Green and Southgate u3a
22nd October 2025**

The 11th AGM of PG&Su3a was held on Wednesday, 22nd October 2025 at 2.30 pm at the Southgate Methodist Church.

The Agenda, Minutes of the 2024 AGM, the 2025 Trustees' Report and the Treasurer's Report and Accounts were emailed to members via Beacon and posted to members without email on the 20th September 2025. The meeting was conducted by the Chair of Trustees, Val Girling, who welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were circa 100 members present, which was almost double the required number for a quorum.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from the outgoing Treasurer, Howard Strudwick.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2024 AGM

The minutes of the 2024 AGM were approved by a show of hands from the members.
Matters arising: None.

3. Trustees' Report

The Chair summarised the Trustees' Report:

Current Membership as of now stands around 550 and increasing weekly; membership was 385 four years ago. Currently we have around 60 interest groups active. Members were reminded that if there are any interests that they would like to see offered to please contact the Group Coordinator who will support them to make it happen.

The Outreach Team (created to increase membership) successfully run an event every month consisting of Welcome Teas, dances and quizzes and this year we have added two FREE events to the annual calendar. These are the Summer Garden Party in August and the Christmas Tea Party in early December, both of which have had 160 guests attending. Very positive feedback was received for these events. Many thanks to the members of the Outreach Team for their hard work arranging the social events this year and Heroes for supporting them.

Thanks to the team who so ably support the monthly meetings with sound and vision: Bob Holford, Martin Palmer and Colin Barrett. Thanks also to the busy thriving Magazine editorial team, comprising Jennie Somerville, Editor; George Howard, Technical Adviser and Magazine Distribution Team led by Helen Hattersely.

The Travel Group continues to be a great strength of the PG&S u3a. Louise Woodford has become a valuable member of the team, which includes Shirley Marney, Gail Phillips and Sarah Brandi. Also, Trisha Talbot who is producing and distributing the monthly Travel Bulletin. Thank you for all your hard work.

Finally, as Chair of the Executive, I would like to extend a warm thank you to the Executive Committee for their stalwart work this year. We say goodbye to two Executive Committee members who have served a three-year and four-year term respectively, Coral Datta and Howard Strudwick. We all thank you for your service and will miss you. We have been fortunate, however, in that there are some willing volunteers to take their places on the Committee and we look forward to working with them in the coming year. These include: Speaker's Secretary - Christina Moore; Business Secretary - Pauline Sumner and Treasurer - Tony McNamara. We have expanded our dedicated IT team to include a new Webmaster – Colin Nesbit – who was co-opted a few months ago, as well as Jacqueline Parvu.

And last, but not least, I would like to thank all of you for remaining part of our u3a. Let us hope that 2026 will be a happy and hopeful year, filled with new interests, new people and plenty of laughter.

4. Treasurer's Report and Motion to adopt the Accounts for FY ending 31 March 2025

Printed copies of the financial statements and accounts were emailed to members on 20th September 2025. The Treasurer had sent his apologies, so any questions would have to be addressed to him by email. The Chair put to the meeting the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Accounts. There were no objections and the Accounts were approved and adopted by a show of hands.

5. Election of Officers and other Committee Members

10% (57) of total members needed for a quorum was exceeded by the attendance of circa 100 members.

The Chair introduced the Executive Committee Officers. A motion to re-elect the Chair and elect the new Officers was proposed by Deborah Walker and seconded by Jennie Silver and adopted by a unanimous show of hands.

Chair:	Val Girling
Deputy Chair:	Bob Holford
Secretary:	Pauline Sumner
Treasurer:	Tony McNamara

A motion to elect the continuing members and new members to the Executive Committee was proposed by Shirley Marney and seconded by Jenni Silver and adopted by a unanimous show of hands.

Executive Committee Members:
Frances Halliday
Pat Bleach
Ann Rayner
Louise Woodford
Christina Moore

George Howard
Colin Nesbit (new member)
Jacqueline Parvu (new member)

The Constitution allows between 5 and 16 trustees, so prospective new candidates are always welcome to come and observe a meeting if they are interested.

7. AOB - There was no other business
8. The Chair thanked everyone for coming and closed the AGM at 2.50 pm