ROMSEY & DISTRICT u3a

Charity no 1082501

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 20th May 2026 at 10:30

In the Crosfield Hall Romsey

OFFICERS PRESENT	Jan Tudball and Jean Wilks [Membership secretaries] Margaret Marchbank [Groups co-ordinator] Linda Meyer [Treasurer] Diana Blakeman [Trustee] John Dick [Webmaster]
APOLOGIES	Trisha Meredith [Secretary] Tim Holmes [Vice-Chair] Mike Tudball [Publications]

John Dick opened the meeting and explained in the absence of the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary that he would Chair the AGM.

John welcomed all members to the AGM and proceeded to deal with the agenda items as follows:

1. **Apologies. Apologies were received from Tim Holmes, Trisha Meredith, Mike Tudball and several members via email.**

2. **Minutes of the AGM held 21st May 2025.** The minutes had been circulated to all members via email and the website. There were no corrections to the minutes and therefore the minutes were approved by the meeting.

3. **Matters arising.** There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 2025 AGM.

4. **Approval of Trustees Report.** The Trustees Report had been circulated to all members via email and the website. There were no questions relating to the Trustees Report. The Trustee's Report was approved by the meeting.

5. **Approval of Accounts.** The Accounts had been circulated to all members via email and the website. There were no questions relating to the Accounts. The Accounts were approved by the meeting.
6. **Election of Officers.** The list of proposed and seconded Officers had been circulated to members via the website and by email.

   The following members were proposed and approved by the members in the following roles:

Chair	**Sue Brookes**
Vice-Chair	**Tim Holmes**
Secretary	**Trisha Meredith**
Treasurer	**Roy Harding**
Trustees	**Jean Wilks, Jan Tudball, Linda Meyer, Margaret Marchbank and David Warner.**

The members gave a vote of thanks for the newly elected officers.

7. **Proposed Amalgamation with Archway U3a**

John explained that the Proposal to authorise trustees to enter into discussions with the trustees of Archway U3a to investigate the feasibility of amalgamation to form one U3a in Romsey was mainly driven by the lack of sufficient volunteers in both branches to make themselves available as trustees.

John explained that there would be many benefits regarding the management of one U3a.

John explained that a steering committee would be appointed by both branches to exam the practical challenges of amalgamating and thereafter reporting back to members before any decision is made to proceed with an amalgamation.

Concerns were raised by various members regarding whether a venue large enough to cater for a combined group was available. The chair of Romsey U3a at the time of the original split said the decision to split was based on the number of members wanting to attend certain events and not having facilities available to cater for such large numbers.

One of the members said that he is a member of both branches and he objected to the proposed amalgamation as he enjoyed attending both meetings.

John emphasised that the members would make the final decision but that it was important to start the process as it would take a long time to investigate all the practical challenges to amalgamate.

The proposal to undertake a feasibility study to amalgamate the Romsey & District U3a and Archway U3a was approved by the members.

8. **Any other business.** There were no other matters raised for discussion by the members.

9. **Close of AGM.** John thanked the members for their attendance and participation and closed the meeting at 10:45.