

**To be held after the
Monthly meeting**



**Notification of the Annual General Meeting of
Limebrook (Maldon) u3a to be held at 3.15pm
on Friday 8th May 2026**

Dear Member

We would like to start this invitation to our AGM by thanking you for your support over the last 12 months and for helping us to maintain our happy and thriving group. Once again it is time for us to go through this formal process to establish us as a constitutional and democratic group under the rules of the u3a trust. The agenda for the meeting is below but essentially it consists of three parts:

1. Minutes of the 2025 AGM
2. Officers' reports
3. Election of officers (Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary) and other committee members.

Nomination forms and details of the officers' roles will be available at the April meeting, can be downloaded from the website or posted to you upon application to the Chairman, Mr Howard Corlett (78 Tennyson Road Maldon CM9 6BE TEL 07952254194.)

Should there be more nominations for a post than is required a vote will be held.

The AGM is your opportunity as a member of Limebrook (Maldon) u3a to express your views and influence the way the group is managed and developed. Please make every effort to attend – your comments are important to us.

With our thanks and best wishes to you all.

Your Committee

AGM Notice

**The Annual General Meeting of Limebrook (Maldon) u3a will be held on
Friday 8th May 2026 at 3.15 pm for the purpose of transacting the
following business:**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of 2025 AGM
3. Matters arising
4. Chairperson's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Election of Officers Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary
7. Election of other committee members
8. Any Other Business (previously notified to the Secretary)

Please note that all members paid up until 31st March 2027 are eligible to stand for the committee and to attend and vote at the AGM.

Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Limebrook u3a held at the West Maldon Community Centre on 9th April 2025

1 Present: 81 Members, as shown on the Register. 1 guest was also present.

2 *Before starting the business of the AGM, Chairman Howard Corlett paid tribute to two long serving members of the committee who were standing down at this AGM.*

John Salisbury has been a committee member since Limebrook u3a was formed and Christine Steel has also been a long serving member of the committee. Howard thanked them both for their dedication and wisdom.

3 Apologies: Brian and Linda Harris, Christine Payne, Barbara and Keith Horsley, Tina Foley, Dulcie Quinnell, Mandy Bugg, Marie Patient

4 Approval of minutes of previous AGM: 10th May 2024

Proposed: Paul Madge Seconded: John Salisbury

The minutes were approved unanimously

5 Chairman's Report *Howard Corlett*

As I end my second year as Chairman of Limebrook u3a, I am pleased to report another successful year with full membership capped at 225 members and a thriving and expanding number of interest groups. Our introduction of shared responsibilities in running interest groups old and new has proved to be a winning formula. We should all be grateful that our Coordinators dedicate some of their time to provide us with interesting and worthwhile activities.

Your Committee recently decided to increase our membership cap to 240 members, in part to try and accommodate people who belonged to Heybridge u3a. We still have some capacity for new members and this situation will be reviewed periodically.

We have been fortunate to enjoy another array of interesting and varied talks on subjects ranging from Colchester Zoo, food and how to poison people with arsenic and novichok. We have also delved into aspects of history including today's talk on Victorian poverty. I will never forget the day snakes came to the hall and a few of us overcame our fears. All of this is down to the hard – and sometimes frustrating - work carried out by Speaker Secretary David Sansom.

By convention, the chair person's report focuses on the positive and the future. I am going to break with convention now to emphasise the importance of volunteering to help run our u3a. We have just witnessed the closure of Heybridge u3a due to an inability to elect a committee. Although Heybridge was relatively small, all u3as regardless of size report difficulties in recruiting and retaining volunteers to serve on committees. We would welcome anyone who wishes to help in whatever capacity whether on the committee or not. For example, we still need a Publicity Coordinator to produce articles for Maldon Life and Maldon Nub News. Please don't let Limebrook's fate be the same as Heybridge's.

After 2 years as Chairman, I would like to thank the Committee and Group Coordinators for their support and commitment. Together we make it work.

6. Treasurer's Report *Keith Parrott*

Registered Charity No: 1190566

Limebrook u3a has been able to maintain it's secure financial position largely due to the support and participation of you our members.

- The Main account shows a balance after accruals @ 31st March 2025 of £4597.22*
- The Theatre account has a balance after accruals @ 31st March 2025 of £156.50.*

In addition to the Cash balances shown, we are required to declare amounts being accrued for known future payments throughout 2025/26. These range from members subscription to National u3a, Third Age Matters magazine delivery, the cost of the Monthly meetings, including Speakers, refreshments and Admin costs.

All of this comes to you from your £20 subscription payment which we have been able to maintain for yet another year.

The monies in hand on the balance sheet included a reserve to fully meet 6 months of normal operation of Limebrook u3a, as defined by the Charity Commission.

GIFT AID: We thank those of you who have been able to give written consent for us to claim Gift Aid on your subscription payment now and in the future. If you are a taxpayer, it is a simple tick in the box on the membership form. With a majority of our members allowing us to claim Gift Aid this is a huge help in maintaining our low membership fee and a great benefit in these times of the rising prices of everything.

I would like to thank all of you who make your Membership or trip payments by BACS transfer or card payments at the monthly meetings. We can still accept cheques where this is your only option.

Thank you for working with us as it all makes a Treasurers life a little easier. Lastly my thanks to our Committee, Group Leaders and all members for supporting me in the role of Honorary Treasurer of Limebrook U3A.

Approval of Accounts

Proposed: John Ord Seconded: Christine Steel

The accounts were approved unanimously

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Election of Officers for 2025/26

Nominees had been received for the following positions:

	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
Chairman	<i>Howard Corlett</i>	<i>John Salisbury</i>	<i>Christine Steel</i>
Vice Chairman			
Treasurer	<i>Keith Parrott</i>	<i>Jill Cutbill</i>	<i>John Ord</i>
Secretary	<i>Phil Page</i>	<i>Paul Madge</i>	<i>Edwina Ord</i>

The Chairman handed the meeting over to the Secretary who conducted the election of the Chairman for 2025/26. As there was only one Nominee no vote was required, Howard Corlett was duly elected. The members indicated their agreement.

The meeting was handed back to the Chairman who conducted the election of the remaining officers.

As there was only one Nominee for Treasurer, and for Secretary, no vote was required and Keith Parrott and Phil Page were duly elected. The members indicated their agreement.

8 Election of Committee for 2026/26

The following Nominees had been received:

	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
Member	<i>Sandra Stubbings</i>	<i>David Sansom</i>	<i>Jo Madge</i>
Member	<i>Tim Stubbings</i>	<i>David Sansom</i>	<i>Jo Madge</i>
Member	<i>Jo Madge</i>	<i>Sandra Stubbings</i>	<i>David Sansom</i>
Member	<i>Paul Madge</i>	<i>Phil Page</i>	<i>Howard Corlett</i>
Member	<i>Edwina Ord</i>	<i>Paul Madge</i>	<i>John Ord</i>
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Member	<i>David Sansom</i>	<i>Jo Madge</i>	<i>Sandra Stubbings</i>
Member	No Nominee		
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As there were less than the maximum of 15 Members, no vote was required, and all Nominees were elected. The members indicated their agreement.

9 Any Other Business (previously notified to the Secretary)

None notified

As there was no further Business, the meeting was closed at 15:25