

## **Nominations for 2024/25 Committee and Personal statements**

### **Ginny Beard**

I have been on the u3a committee for 2 years and am currently Speaker Finder for West Wolds. In addition I run a very successful Solo Group for single members and occasionally hold card making classes. I enjoy being an active member of the u3a and hope to continue on the committee as the Speaker Finder.

### **Gary Beighton**

I've been on the committee for the last 5 yrs as Publicity officer and for the last year as Groups Co-ordinator. In addition, I have been the Group Leader of the German Language group for even longer. I have a fairly technical background, and you will no doubt seen some of my work such as the new Sign Up sheets, Changes to the website, On-line membership forms, Facebook and much more.

### **Terry Francis**

I joined the Committee in late 2016, and started off as Newsletter Editor and have produced the quarterly newsletter since February 2017. I have taken the newsletter from a booklet format which was quite expensive to get printed, to an online format in 2020 during the pandemic, which is available on our website or by email.

In 2020 I took over the role of Treasurer and then in 2023 took over as Membership Secretary, as the two roles are compatible. In addition, I also act as Technical Support for the various equipment issues that may arise. My background as an Electronics Engineer and spreadsheet/database design has stood me in good stead for these roles.

### **Kay Green**

This is my 3<sup>rd</sup> year as a member of West Wolds U3a. I joined to prepare for retirement and hopefully meet new people and take part in the interest groups. I retired last Christmas from a position of Head of UK Purchasing for a global manufacturing company, a role I thoroughly enjoyed. I am a member of the Canasta; Gardening Club and Book Club and am the co-ordinator for the Luncheon Club and have met some lovely people. Apart from the U3a Interest Groups I like to travel and am working my way around some of the Worlds rain forests and wetlands for the adventure and wildlife.

### **Sharon Rupp**

I joined the Committee in March 2017 and have held several roles including Speaker Finder and East Lincs Neighbourhood Secretary, but in 2020 I became the Business Secretary which covers the day-to-day administration of our u3a. I hope to become Chair after the AGM, but all roles will be decided at the December Committee meeting as our Constitution directs with details confirmed to the membership in the January Newsletter.

### **Cathy Whelan**

I am a widow with both grandchildren and great grandchildren. Since retiring, I enjoy golfing and Bowls; this is my attempt to keep fit. Since joining The West Wolds U3A, I have been running a bowls group and organising Theatre visits.

I have, over 30 years experience of teaching in a variety of schools and began my career in a Social Priority School in Manchester and I have taught in a Private School in Eton. I also spent 4 years teaching Army children in Germany before the fall of the Berlin Wall.

I first came across the U3A when I was living in Nottingham. When I moved to Lincolnshire in 2019, I was delighted to find the West Wolds U3A . I think the organisation is a blessing for anyone moving to an unknown area.

**Nick Wilson**

I am seeking nomination for the position of Groups Co-ordinator. I am doing this because it seems to fit well with past roles I have had in both industry and higher education.

I have experience of being a supporter and advisor to diverse groups.

In the u3a context I shall look forward to having close contact with a variety of people. My personal satisfaction will come from promoting new groups where possible, whilst striving to ensure that all groups thrive and really deliver on our 'Learn, Laugh, Live' motto.