



Report to Pulham St Mary Annual Meeting of the Parish.

The WEA has been the main provider of Adult and Continuing Education in the Pulhams for almost 50 years. Our Chair, Fred Howard, stood down at our last AGM, having served for 20 of them. We appreciate his long-term commitment, and are pleased that Pat Whiteside has agreed to be our new chairperson.

The WEA has a strong following of up to 45 learners attending its programme of courses. The Brewhouse has proved to be a good venue for us, but does limit the number of places available, and therefore makes us vulnerable in terms of income from fees, to pay tutors and other expenses. However sufficient funds have been generated to support our 2017/18 programme.

In the last year both courses offered were enthusiastically received, and we aim to continue offering quality courses over a broad cultural spectrum,

In the Autumn term we studied the last hundred years of Design, which included a trip to the 1950's exhibition at Time and Tide Museum in Gt.Yarmouth. Our Spring course studied the life, work and times of Chaucer.

This Autumn we look forward to a new course, "Crime Writing in East Anglia", followed by "Jazz, Cakewalk to Culture" in Spring 2018.

The Government intend to change the WEA funding body, which means that the WEA will be required to bid against other education providers for financial support. It is not yet apparent how this will affect our viability locally, but we are committed to maintaining adult education in the Pulhams.

Branch/Class Secretary: Isobel Auker

Chair: Pat Whiteside

Treasurer: Geoff Rivers

Publicity: Ray Auker