

## March 2023

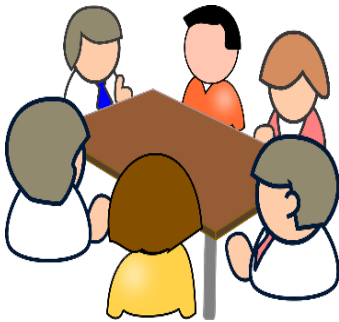


### Important Dates & Information



- **Coffee Mornings** ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March, URC, 10am
- **AGM** ~ Thursday May 4, Glastonbury Town Hall, 10.30
- **GL Meeting** ~ Thursday July 13, Glastonbury Small Hall, 10.00-11.00
- **ENROLMENT DAY** ~ Thursday August 10, Glastonbury Town Hall, 10.30-12.00

### From the Committee



Paul Vernoum is retiring from the Committee and as our Membership Secretary at the May AGM. Paul has done sterling work as secretary, keeping our membership database up to date, and dealing with Membership Applications throughout the year. The Committee would like to thank him for a job very well done for the past 5 years. His replacement will be John Roberts who has volunteered to take on this role.

### From the Chair



*"I had a walk in Glastonbury Abbey on a cold and grey morning and saw the bright colour of a carpet of yellow aconite and white of snowdrops giving a splash of colour and cheer among the dark and cold earth."*

Our u3a, throughout the cold days of winter, have given us positive and social interaction through the classes. Thank you to all leaders who work hard to direct and enthuse us. Our first coffee morning since Covid was well received and promoted interest in an Icelandic holiday with a film by Neil Clarke. Together we can look forward to the anticipation and hope of spring to come with our u3a.

## Group News

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As we come close to the end of our annual programme it's good to be able to report that many groups will be continuing through the summer. Members should contact their Group Leaders for dates of summer sessions. If you're regular group does not run through the summer months this may be an opportunity to try something new –please contact GL and try a taster session for £1. Cycling is a new group on the programme which will be starting up, hopefully in April, and we are in the early stages of offering a Philosophy group, so whilst we have lost a few groups others are emerging and there is always scope for more. The committee are keen to help if you fancy starting up a new group or indeed if you are willing to step up if your group leader is bowing out - so please get in touch. LW

Reports from some of our groups:

### **T'ai Chi**

Many people recognise the benefits that T'ai Chi brings. We, in our classes enjoy those benefits, but so much more as well. Since we started last September we have received comments saying how much better my breathing is, my balance, even some cases of long term problems improving. More than this though our classes are fun and a place to step aside of those awful worldly issues for an hour with some peace, laughter and relaxation. Many in our groups keep coming back for years, we must be doing something right. SC

### **Film Group**

The Film Group has a full complement of 12 (limited to the space available at a member's home) and we have a waiting list. We meet once a month in the evening and discuss the film we have all previously watched at home. This term we are choosing films from Oscar winning categories. We have already watched *King Richard* starring Will Smith (it bombed at the Box Office and no wonder), and *The Lion in Winter*, the 1968 film starring Peter O'Toole. As the Oscars started in 1929 we have plenty of films to choose from. HH

### **French Conversation**

French conversation (week one, Wednesday afternoons) would welcome a couple more members, if anyone fancies practising their French. You would need to be reasonably fluent, able to converse and understand spoken French. However we don't expect perfection! Please contact Jenny Lewis (email [jnylewis@gmail.com](mailto:jnylewis@gmail.com)) for further information. JL

### **Whist**

I'm pleased to report that we have a couple of new members in the Whist group this term so our numbers are increasing nicely. Even though we enjoy playing Whist no-one takes it too seriously. We all enjoy a natter and a good laugh together. After this term we take the summer off and start again in September. If you feel like joining us then, come and pay £1 for a taster session. We look forward to welcoming you. HH

## Walking

The walking group is now into its second year and we have welcomed many newcomers over that time. We are a friendly group and have undertaken walks of approximately four miles at a leisurely pace. The aim is to walk a circular route within an area no more than approximately 30 minutes' drive away starting from and ending at a pub or cafe where folk can have a bite to eat if they so wish after the walk. Several of the walks have been led by group volunteers and I am extremely grateful for those offers. NA



## Line Dancing

Attached is a montage photo of all our members enjoying Halloween last year. We put on our red gear to celebrate Valentines Day with relevant dances like Haunted Heart, Cold Heart and Magic Moon while tucking into a slice of iced Guinness cake at half time. Then dance again to lose that weight gain! ER



## Music Making

Whilst the group largely enjoys the camaraderie and fun of a shared interest in making music, it was a delight to respond to the challenge of performing for others at the u3a Christmas Party in December. It certainly helped us to focus a bit more attention to perfecting our songs and tunes. The positive feedback we received was greatly appreciated. TM



## Ukulele Band



The ukulele band has continued thriving over the past year with a current membership of 32. Yes, we make quite a lot of noise, a good noise though! Our numbers have been boosted this last year by several enthusiastic new members who joined with our stalwarts. We have enjoyed playing a variety of songs in different styles, learning to read tablature as well as strumming and we have some great

voices, plus a variety of different sized ukuleles. As well as our regular alternate Friday spot we also entertained at the U3A Christmas party. WH

## From the Treasurer



The cost of the Third Age Matters magazine that comes from Head Office is being raised to £3.60 per member from April. This comes out of our membership fee for each person who opts to receive it. Please remember this when re-joining for next year.

The accounts for the year Sep21 to Aug22 are shown below. These will be discussed at the AGM. GD

### S&G u3a Treasurers Report 2021-2022

Treasurers Report	Street and Glastonbury U3A	Registered Charity 1076664	Annual Accounts for year 1Sep 2021 to 31Aug 2022		
<b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE</b>					
<b>Income</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>		<b>EXPLANATORY NOTES</b>		
Membership Fees	2965.00		The Charity Commission advises that between 6 and 12 months running costs are maintained.		
Group Attendances	9798.00		Existing policy is to hold sufficient funds to:		
Non-Core Income	0.00		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• maintain operational activities</li> <li>• cover costs of future increases in room hire charges</li> <li>• fund start-up costs of new groups</li> <li>• replace U3A equipment which cannot be repaired</li> </ul>		
Gift Aid from HMRC	255.18				
	<b>13018.18</b>				
<b>Expenditure</b>			<b>NON-CORE ACTIVITIES</b>		
Groups Venue Hire	9057.19		<b>2021/2022</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expend</b>
TAT (7mths Sep21-Mar22 members subs)	600.25				<b>Surplus/Loss</b>
TAT (5mths Apr22-Aug22 members subs)	670.00			0.00	0.00
Publicity	79.99		donations	0.00	0.00
Newsletter (S&G)	613.03		coffee mornings	0.00	0.00
Magazine (U3A Head Office)	270.24		chnstmas party	0.00	0.00
Non-Core Expenses	0.00			0.00	0.00
Equipment	111.99			0.00	0.00
Administration	754.69			0.00	0.00
	<b>12157.34</b>		<b>Surplus/Loss</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Surplus for Year</b>	<b>860.84</b>				
<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>			<b>COIF Charities Deposit Fund CCLA</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>		1Sep2021 @	6,629.65	
COIF Account 31Aug2022:CCLA	6659.68		interest ad@	30.03	
Current Account 31Aug2022: HSBC	11468.33		dep/withdr	0.00	
Pre-Paid TAT (7mths Sep22-Mar23 members subs)	938.00		<b>Total c/f</b>	<b>6,659.68</b>	
	<b>Assets</b>	<b>19066.01</b>	<b>Treasurer</b> Gill Donkin	01/02/23	
			<b>Examiner</b> Andy Pickford	01/02/23	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Pre-payment Membership Fees 2022-2023	3588.00				
Pre-payment from members for					
	<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>3588.00</b>			



## Membership

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Our membership at the time of going to press is 397. This number is made up with 383 full members and 14 associate members. Our recovery from the difficulties of the past few years is slow but definitely in the right direction with many new members joining our ranks. Please remember to inform your friends and family of the benefits of joining the Street and Glastonbury u3a. Perhaps they will be our next new member. The online membership form and Bank Transfer method for joining has proved popular and is the method we would recommend. The online form can be found on our webpage, <https://streetu3a.org/membership/>

This is my last membership report as I will be retiring from being your membership secretary after five years on the committee. We have a great committee which will be joined by my replacement at the AGM in the May. Until then, if you have any query relating to your membership, please don't hesitate to contact me by using the contact details in our newsletter. PV

## Coffee Mornings

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Our first coffee morning in February was a great success with 43 in attendance. Neil Clarke presented a film he made covering his visit to the fascinating country of Iceland.



This was an enjoyable and interesting film showing amazing scenery, including Geysers, Glaziers and Lava caves, Waterfalls and Hot Springs. It is a truly remarkable country. For those who want to experience something of this country but do not like the cold this film was ideal viewing. For those looking for adventure and planning a trip to Iceland it was a good taste of what to expect. After the film a very good question and answer session was had where some of our u3a members shared their experience of visiting Iceland.

Do not forget that we will be having our last two coffee morning this term on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of March. We start at 10am in the meeting room of the URC in Glastonbury. Please go to our web page (<https://streetu3a.org/events/>) for more details.

## Photo Gallery

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Bags for Chess Group made by  
*A Stitch in Time* members

Christmas lunch photos:



u3a Christmas Lunch



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Whist Group Christmas Lunch



Table Tennis Group Christmas Lunch



Walking Group Christmas Lunch



## Wordsearch for fun... u3a Groups








Word list ... The words can go in any direction!

BADMINTON	BOOKS	BRITISHHISTORY	CHESS	CHINESEPAINTING	CYCLING
FILMS	FRENCH	GREEKTRAGEDY	JAZZ	LATIN	LINEDANCING
LOCALHISTORY	MAHJONG	MUSICMAKING	PAINTING	PETANQUE	RACKETBALL
SCRABBLE	SEWINGBEE	SHAKESPEARE	STITCHINTIME	SUNDAYLUNCH	TABLETENNIS
TAICHI	UKULELE	WALKING	WHIST	WINES	YOGA

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