

March 2024

RIP

S&G u3a will no longer exist after 31 August 2024

Unless...

a new chair is appointed at our AGM on 9 May



Important Dates & Information



- **AGM ~ Thursday May 9 ~ Glastonbury Town Hall**
- **Group Leaders Meeting ~ Thursday July 11 ~ Town Hall**
- **Enrolment Day ~ Thursday August 8 ~ Town Hall**

From the Committee



At the AGM in May we will be losing 2 Committee members, our Chair Sue Thurgood and our Vice Chair Malcolm Allen, who also looks after Publicity. They originally agreed to take on these rolls for one year until new members came forward. Thankfully for our u3a they have stayed on for two years as no-one volunteered. However, they have decided to leave this year and we thank them, on behalf of our members, for their hard work and for keeping our u3a strong and true to the principles of the u3a.

It must be stated here that if the position of Chair is not filled at the AGM our u3a must close according to Charity Commission rules.

So members, it is up to you to step forward and offer your services to the u3a. Please contact our secretary: secretary@streetu3a.org for details.

From the Chair



The beginning of another u3a year and Spring is nearly upon us. Do you make New Year Resolutions, and more importantly do you keep them? I have in the past decided to give up something or exercise more – but it often results in failure. What a conundrum it is to set myself up to fail I ask myself!

Two years ago I stepped forward to become Chair of the u3a – I said I would give it one year as no-one else would step up. No failure in this respect as I have done two years in office. The situation is that the position of Chair must be filled otherwise the Street & Glastonbury u3a cannot function and would be wound down. Please would someone step up to the position of Chair? It is not an arduous task as the committee all play their part and are helpful and supportive. Therefore at the AGM I hope someone will volunteer otherwise the classes and leaders which help to make it so enjoyable will cease to be viable. Do contact through the website or mention it to a leader you could then meet the committee and talk it through. Spring is time for new beginnings, so do support our u3a.

Treasurer



A reminder to Group Leaders to receive Group fees in cash, and then transfer to our account. Also please email Payment Registers to me at: treasurer@streetu3a.org. Thank you.

Our accounts for the year 2022-2023 are included with this newsletter.

Group News



As I write this we only have six weeks remaining before the end of our 2023/4 programme - where have the weeks gone? Of course, not all groups finish here and thanks go to those group leaders who generously continue to give their time and run sessions through the summer months. We may have a new group starting in September; if you are interested in **bird watching**, and would like guidance on identification and where to spot more elusive species keep an eye on the website for more information, in the meantime email me to register interest: groups@streetu3a.org. It is to be hoped that all groups will be continuing in September, but we are sorry to say goodbye to 'Survival German' at the end of this term and thank Trudie Charles for leading the group since September. We look forward to meeting up with group leaders at the **Group Leaders Meeting, Thursday July 11th, Glastonbury Town Hall**, and hope to see many members at the **AGM, Thursday May 9th, Glastonbury Town Hall**.

Membership



Christmas and the New Year has come and gone but we've had a steady trickle of new members joining, mostly on line. We have streamlined the system for when you join online. Your details will be sent to me – it may take two or three days – and I will then send you details of how to pay and if you're a New Member you will receive a pack of details that we hope you will find useful and your new registration number. If there are any members who can't remember their Membership number please contact me at members@streetu3a.org. You can contact me at Sanctuary Cottage, Newtown Lane, West Pennard BA6 8NL if you would like a paper enrolment form.

Website News



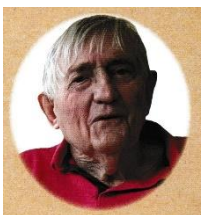
For the past 7 years our website, streetu3a.org, has been built and hosted outside of the u3a Head Office template. This has given us greater control of how it looks and how members can navigate around the site for the information they need. Over the past couple of years Head Office have set up a team to look at producing a new template that offers u3a's more flexibility. We have played with a version of this template and it gives us the style and format that could replace our current site. The committee have, therefore, decided that we will apply to use the new template when ready – sometime in late Autumn 2024. This will save us over £150 per year. But just as importantly, the new template is simple enough for additional people to edit, and so we will be looking to recruit some members who would be willing to help with the website. Further details will be posted later.

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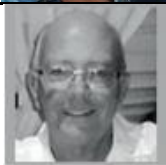

We publish 3 Newsletters each year, November, March and July. A few members still ask for the Newsletter to be posted, so we pay for black & white printing and posting. The Newsletter is published on our website, in colour. As Editor I am standing down at the AGM and therefore we require a volunteer to take on this role. If we do not receive a nomination this will be the last S&G u3a Newsletter.

Wilton Wills



Wilton passed away in December 2023. He was a past chair and group leader of both the British History and Music Appreciation groups, and a great supporter of our u3a. Wilton used to be Headmaster of a large school in Reading, and was highly regarded there before he came to Glastonbury. As Group Leader of History he worked his way from the Saxons and Normans thro' to the present day.....and then went back and started all over again! This Group was very popular and attended by a large number of members.

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