



**Newsletter  
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**Our Next Monthly meeting:**

Thursday April 6th, 2023 2.00pm

David Logan, 'Mary's Meals'

David will share the story of Mary's Meals, a charity with humble beginnings in Dalmally, Argyll which now feeds over 2 million children every school day in some of the world's poorest countries. As well as looking at the journey of the charity, we will introduce some of the children who receive Mary's Meals, showing how this consistent access to food at school is a source of hope for them and their families.

Baptist Church Centre, Gillbrae Road, Dumfries, DG1 4EJ



## **u3a Dumfries: the current state of play**

At our AGM, a new constitution was adopted. This was based on a model constitution developed for u3as in Scotland by the Third Age Trust. We were able to modify it, so that we could, for example, function (for a while) without a Chair. It has – as is required – now been accepted by the Third Age Trust, and by OSCR (Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator). Many thanks to Clive Brown – my predecessor as our Business Secretary – for handling all of this.

We also elected new officers and committee, as follows:

Chair	Vacant
Vice Chair	Vacant
Business Secretary	Jeremy Shearmur
Treasurer	Kathleen Simpson
Membership secretary (1)	Marilyn Banks
Membership secretary (2)	Norma Fenwick

Committee members:

Margaret Moffat; Alex McEwan; John Lethbridge; and Ian Gasse. One other member was elected, but she had to withdraw before the committee could have its first formal meeting.

We can, on the basis of our newly adopted constitution, continue on this basis for a while – certainly until the 2024 AGM. But we are urgently in need of a chair and a vice chair, and will not be able to continue for the longer-term unless we can get those positions filled. We would also welcome additional committee members. If you might be interested – or know of someone who might be interested – please contact Jeremy.

We will update you with information about the committee members' specific responsibilities, and how to contact them, after the next committee meeting.

This issue has been put together – I am sorry for the delay – by Jeremy Shearmur ([Jeremy.Shearmur@anu.edu.au](mailto:Jeremy.Shearmur@anu.edu.au)). We will indicate in the next Newsletter who will be taking over editing the Newsletter on a permanent basis.