

Hello fellow U3A members

My name is Bob Low and for better or worse I am your new Chair. I joined the U3A around 5 years ago and am a member of the Badminton and Spanish groups. I think the U3A is an important organisation to be maintained in Dundee and so put my name forward when it looked like there were no other volunteers- I didn't want to see it fold, which is the same with the other committee members. We are here to make sure the organisation meets its statutory obligations and also does the activities the members want. So please contact me or any committee member if you have suggestions for improvements or additional activities. Hopefully, I will be able to meet more members in due course.

Kind Regards

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From the Vice Chair

A report of the AGM was circulated by email but for members without email the summary of outcomes is:

Membership fee for 2023-24 = £15 (a rise of £2), Associate member (primarily a member of another u3a) = £9;

Members of groups that meet at paid-for venues will pay an accommodation (previously called 'attendance') fee for every date that the group is scheduled to meet, regardless of whether the individual member attends. The fee will be £1.50 per date (up £0.50);

Payment of attendance fees will be paid to the Group Leader (or other designated group member) at the start of every period. 'Period' means month or term (3/4 months). The choice of period is at the discretion of the Group Leaders/groups.

Scottish Dance Group will collect accommodation fees as before – by attendance and on arrival.

Last July we introduced Membership renewal using Beacon and this will continue – renewal may be made from early July but you'll be reminded of this at the end of June. The log-in process has been simplified so should not be as finicky as before and you will be provided with full instructions.

Events and Outings – Donna Morrison will be the new organiser— du3aevents@gmail.com

The new Committee is listed at the end of this Newsletter.

Keith Rose

Gilfillan talks/Social

The last of these for this season was held recently. The speaker was Charlie Webster whose topic was General Monck, Broughty Castle and various historical references to Broughty Ferry.

The next talk/social will probably be in September. Iain Grimmond will continue to find the speakers and will take an overall organisational responsibility with help from Donna Morrison. Some offers of help with refreshments have come forward so it is looking positive for the continuation of these events.

Keith Rose

Third Age Matters magazine

It was noted recently that the magazine costs us about £1,500 p.a. (£3.35 per subscribed member). Subscription happens automatically when joining or renewing through Beacon but can still be unsubscribed from. It is thought that a majority, possibly a sizeable majority, of members don't read or want the magazine. In order to save unnecessary costs the Committee have decided that all members will be unsubscribed after the June edition. Any member who wants to receive the magazine by post can still get it by informing the Membership Secretary – du3amemsec@gmail.com, 07913253615. The magazine can be read online at <https://www.u3a.org.uk/news/publications>

Full groups

Several groups are reported to be full which is deterring some potential new members. If any members of an existing group would consider starting another group of their own interest and on a different day/time that would be helpful. Full assistance would be given by the Committee to get started. A group need not be a 'taught' group but could just as well be a mutual self-help group. Contact Tracey in the first instance – du3agroups@gmail.com

Newsletter Editor

It is with regret that I will stand down from my post as Editor of the dundee u3a Newsletter. I have held the post for 4 years and I now have other commitments which will not allow me to continue in this roll. If you are familiar with 'Publisher' it will be an easy transference of the archived files and the Newsletter can continue without hitch. If you require any further information please contact me. We really do need a Newsletter Editor in place by the end of the year. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Burns lunch and Scottish entertainment afternoon





A sample of the performers taking part in the entertainment after the Burns Lunch

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