



Your U3A News

Winter 2022

## Chairman's Report

Unfortunately I have been unwell for the past six weeks, including an emergency stay in Ninewells Hospital. This has curtailed my activities and my input for Dundee u3a. Unfortunately, the likely outcome is that I will require surgery in November, further limiting my participation in u3a activities and events.

I hope all your activities are going well, and you are meeting in person without any restrictions and enjoying your Dundee u3a experiences. Our talks at Gilfillan have been very enjoyable and well attended. Our talk on December 6th is by Joe Morrow, who played a very prominent role in the funeral of Queen Elizabeth, both in Edinburgh and Westminster.

Some concerns were expressed about changes to the booking and payment processes by Dundee District Council. However I can confirm that there will be no changes for Dundee u3a.

Our Christmas Lunch this year is on Wednesday 14th December at the Invercarse Hotel, cost £29.95 I will look forward to seeing many of you there.

Ron Singer  
Chair Dundee u3a

## Membership Secretary

Would all members please note that when paying by cheque for their membership subscription, to please make it out to Dundee u3a and NOT Mrs S Berrecloth. This causes me a lot of hassle as I then have to pay the cheque into my own account and then make a personal cheque out to the u3a. Thank you.

Sybil Berrecloth [du3amemsec@gmail.com](mailto:du3amemsec@gmail.com)

## Message from Editor

I know there have been some concerns over the lateness of this Newsletter but this has been to circumstances beyond my control. It has been a busy time with social events together with illness within the committee. I hope that our Newsletter will be published at the correct time in future. I also understand that my gmail account is not working at the moment. I am looking into this and hopefully it will be up and running soon. My mobile number can be used at any time. I wish you all a Happy Christmas.

Valerie McKeeman—Newsletter Editor—[07751152151](tel:07751152151)



## Christmas Party

As promised here is some further information about the Christmas Party Lunch -

Date - Wednesday 14th December 2022

Venue - Invercarse Hotel, Perth Road, Dundee

Time - 11.45 for 12.15, Lunch 12.30

Menu -

Lentil and Carrot Soup

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Roast Turkey, Bacon Wrapped Chipolata, Herb Roasties, Carrot & Parsnips & sage  
gravy

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Tender Steak Casserole under Flaky Pastry

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Roasted Beetroot & Red Onion Tart Tatin with Mushrooms

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Vanilla Cheesecake,

Cranachan Crumble & Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream

Followed by Tea/Coffee and Tablet

Cost - £29.95pp

Please send a cheque, payable to Dundee u3a, to Dundee u3a, 29 Buddon Drive,  
Monifieth, DD5 4TJ

Please then send me your dietary requirements and choice for your main course.

Thank you for your support

Irene Mollison [du3aevents@gmail.com](mailto:du3aevents@gmail.com)



## Gilfillan Talks

The first talk about Paris in the 1920s went well despite IT problems. This was followed by a talk on the Eden Project which was very informative with the largest Q&A I can remember.

Our next talk by Joe Morrow on the 6th December will be interesting as he played a large part in the late Queen's funeral.

I have arranged another talk on the 10th January 2023 which will be given by Jim Ashwood on the history of the civil rights in America. Everyone is invited.

Iain Grimmond



## Gardening Group .

We are an interest group of those who enjoy gardens and gardening. We are not experts, but are keen to learn, keen to share and keen to enjoy the company of others who share our interest.

Meetings take place by zoom (over the winter) and at various venues. Meeting time is 11am, unless otherwise stated. Meetings include time for sharing what we are doing in our own gardens and general garden chat. We also enjoy garden visits.

New members will be made very welcome.

Group contacts- see our website for full details.  
<https://u3asites.org.uk/dundee/page/124955>

Contact  
Bob Ballentine –  
Una Milne



## **Forthcoming Event**

On Tuesday 14th March next year at the Woodlands Hotel the DU3A will hold the last event to celebrate our 30th anniversary year.

We plan to celebrate Burns and everything Scottish by enjoying a Burns Lunch and afternoon of traditional Verse, Music , Song and Dance.

This should be a fun afternoon for all!

There will be a fun packed programme provided by our talented members who always give their time freely for the benefit of all.

I am looking for members to take part in a Poetry Reading Competition. The poem can be written by Burns or any other Scottish Poet. All members can join in by wearing something tartan and also by dressing up as a Dundee character e.g.. Oor Wullie, the Broons, etc.

As usual there will be prizes for the winner of the Poetry Recitation and the Best Dressed Dundee Worthy!

I am just looking for numbers just now with further information coming out nearer the time.

Please book your place by contacting Irene Mollison by email at [du3aevents@gmail.com](mailto:du3aevents@gmail.com) and for those without email please telephone [01382-533750](tel:01382-533750).

Let's make this final celebration a great success and show your support by booking your place and by participating in the Afternoon's entertainment.

Irene Mollison

## **TAYUKES**

After a 6 weeks Summer Break Tayukes started back in early August with a welcome increase in members and a bigger Songbook.

Our first community entertainment was to help celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Ninewells Community Garden . The sun shone ,garden looked pristine ,the event well supported and a much appreciated buffet . The following week we entertained at the Victoria Garden Community project.

Pleasing that Care Homes are once again opening up for entertainment having been " closed doors " during Covid. We are happy to have been invite back , the resident always so appreciative of music - the chance of a " sing-a - long " : a wee dance !

The group will shortly be having an early festive lunch in the Woodlands Hotel.

As always Tayukes welcome new players to join us . We are a friendly social group of enthusiastic Uke players , varying level of skills ,all not always note perfect but relaxed in learning from each other. Great variety of music ; old , modern, country but mostly happy !

Come and join us ! Meeting at Finmill Community Centre Friday 1 30pm - 3 30pm .

**Ross Howat**

## Bridge Club



The Bridge Club now meets in the Friary on a Tuesday morning, from 11am—1pm, and has vacancies for competent players and beginners. You will be welcomed, so please come along if you have not played bridge for some time, or maybe want to learn how to play.



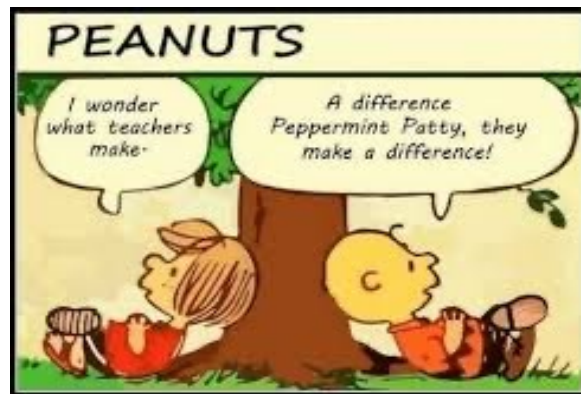
Ever fancied having a go on the ukulele?

No instrument?

No problem!

Try out a one hour taster session in the new year.  
Time and venue to be confirmed when numbers known.

For further info or to register interest  
contact Iain on 07708 955844.



What do teachers make?

Perhaps your favourite hobby or activity is not already catered for? Maybe the group you'd like to attend is rather full? Then do please consider starting up a new group yourself. This could be a totally new interest group or an additional group taking on members wishing to join an already established, but over-subscribed, group. We strongly encourage the formation of new activity groups and we are here to help in any way we can, from publicising any proposed new group to helping find somewhere for you to meet.

- What about ....
- Wine tasting?
- Dining out/ lunch club?
- Day trips?
- Coffee and chat?
- Theatre?

No skills required just your enthusiasm!

Contact the group coordinator if you want to help expand the variety of groups we offer and allow new members a chance to join Dundee u3a.

[Tracey McCluskey du3agroups@gmail.com](mailto:TraceyMcCluskeydu3agroups@gmail.com)

**leisure & culture DUNDEE**

**Scotland's Songs & Stories by Dee Ukcs**  
Saturday 19th November 2022, 2.30pm - 4pm  
The Steps Theatre, Central Library,  
The Wellgate, Dundee DD1 1DB

Concert tickets cost £6. Available at [dundeelibraries.eventbrite.co.uk](http://dundeelibraries.eventbrite.co.uk)  
All proceeds will go towards Dee Ukcs chosen charity of the year, **MS Therapy Tayside**.  
Contact **Central Library** on **01382 431500** if you need booking assistance.  
Tickets also available from **Liz Crawford** of Dee Ukcs.  
Contact [lizcrawf59@gmail.com](mailto:lizcrawf59@gmail.com) or **0780 534 7988**

**Book Week Scotland**  
Spilling Scotland's Stories  
14-20 November 2022

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Dee Ukcs are delighted to have been invited to do a concert linked to Book Week Scotland 2022 as well as Scotland's Year of Stories 2022. It will be a fun afternoon in a lovely theatre. We'd love to see you there if you can make it. See Poster for details. [Liz Crawford - Dee Ukcs Leader](#)

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**Submission date for next Newsletter: 28th February 2023**

