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News From U3A Guernsey

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Membership - 981

Dear Member

Hi,

It's been a blistering time with the weather, I hope you are all keeping well hydrated and if you have skin like mine that you're slapping on the sun screen and wearing your best hat!

I noticed the AGM e-mail last week and due to the recent rise in Covid cases we can now do a proxy vote using the link in that e-mail to click and cast your vote. Please do!!

It's always good to try new things, I joined Hilary on a 'mountain bike' ride earlier this month. I didn't realise that the majority of places we rode were actually in Guernsey! Thanks Hilary. Not for everyone I know but do look to see what's available and try something new this coming year.

Live, Laugh and Learn,

lan Jowitt, Newsletter Editor

Message from the Chair

The summer is usually a quieter time with some groups taking a break, however, there is still much happening for all members of u3a. A very important event takes place in August. I do hope you can join us at our Sixth Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will be held on Tuesday 9th August at 2.30pm at St Sampson's High School. Business of the meeting will include the election of members of the Executive Committee, Treasurer's reports and adoption of accounts plus my report with some very special news. Our Guest Speaker is Sir Richard Collas who will I am sure give a very entertaining talk. To complete our special afternoon we have entertainment from the Uke's Group so do try to pop along.

On the 1st July thirty members arrived at the bowling green at Beau Sejour. Great weather and lots of helpful support was present to provide everyone with first class instruction and a very enjoyable hour and a half. Mary Brogan as usual did a superb job and even organised a meal at Les Cotils. A fabulous finish to a lovely day. Check out the photographs later on in the newsletter.

Another event enjoyed by many members was the Pitch and Putt Competition at Oatlands which took place on June 14th. Skill was displayed in potting balls and scores added to provide a winning team. Please do read the report in this newsletter and see the happy faces enjoying another meal out!

lan Daish has kindly offered to be present at monthly Coffee mornings to help support members with making bookings for activities via Eventbrite so if you are experiencing difficulties please do pop along and have a chat with him.

Please note the proposed Herm Trip which was being planned for July 21st is not now happening. It has been rescheduled for 18th August at just £14 per person on presentation of your u3a membership card.

I would like to thank Nandra who is Convenor of the u3a Woolly Jumpers group. She organised the group to support Ukrainian mothers with some bare essentials by encouraging the group to get busy knitting and crocheting small items - hats, cardigans, blankets etc. These items have now been taken to Ukraine and I am sure will be cherished. Thank you to any one who has done any knitting or crocheting or supported the group by donating wool. Well done Guernsey u3a members.

To finish this months article I'd like to make a plea for you to consider being more 'green' by sharing cars when visiting groups, talks or activities or possibly getting out on these bikes - electric or otherwise especially during the summer months. It is

vital that we look after the environment and also support each other in these times of high petrol prices.

Best wishes.

Live, Laugh and Learn,

Jane

Clothing created by the Woolly Jumpers Group



We ask you all to make sure you have had all <u>three vaccinations</u> before attending a group activity. Please do <u>not</u> attend if you are feeling unwell. Completing a Lateral Flow Test before going along to your activity is also advised.

AGM and Form of Proxy

By now you should have received your formal notice of the AGM, which is to be held on Tuesday, 9th August 2022 at St Sampson's High School at 2.30 p.m. (doors open 2.00 p.m.), together with the Agenda and links to the relevant papers. For the meeting to go ahead we need a quorum of 10% of members to attend. We

currently have 901 members which means, to be quorate, we need at least 90 members attending.

At last year's AGM, we approved changes to u3a Guernsey's constitution which meant that members could vote by proxy if they are unable to attend the AGM (i.e. the Secretary can vote on your behalf). If you will be away on 9th August or not want to attend a large meeting, please consider completing a Form of Proxy. This can be found

at: https://u3asites.org.uk/files/g/guernsey/docs/agm2022formofproxy.pdf.pdf. The completed form needs to be returned to the Secretary by Tuesday, 2nd August 2022 (details are given on the form). If you would like to vote in this way and do not have printing facilities, please let me know at the address below with your postal address and I will send you a form in the post (but please allow enough time to get the form back by 2nd August).

As ever, please do not attend if you are unwell or showing any Covid-like symptoms.

Hazel Solway
u3a Guernsey – Secretary
u3aguernsey.secretary@gmail.com

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF u3a GUERNSEY

Notice is hereby given that the Sixth Annual General Meeting of u3a Guernsey will be held on Tuesday, 9th August 2022 commencing at 2.30 p.m. at St Sampson's High School

- 2.00p.m. Doors open refreshments will be served in the foyer and the Ukulele Group will play some well-known medleys join them in a singalong!
- 2.30 p.m. Formal meeting commences

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies these will be listed in the minutes of the meeting.
- 2. Quorum attendance of 10% of the membership is required for the meeting to be quorate.
- 3. To receive and approve the minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting here. Resolution 1.
- 4. Report by the Chair.
- 5. Report by the Treasurer. Financial statements to 31 March 2022 here.
- 6. To appoint Mike Dunning as Auditor. Resolution 2.
- 7. Elections to the Executive Committee

u3a members proposed and seconded:

- Jane Pearson Chair (officer) & Interest Groups Coordinator
- Alan Chubb Vice Chair (officer)
- Peter Langford Treasurer (officer)
- Jenny Tasker Secretary (officer)
- Judy Dyke Deputy Treasurer
- Ian Daish Media Team Leader
- Gill Slimm Membership Secretary & Joint Social Secretary
- Mary Brogan Joint Social Secretary
- June Le Poidevin Speakers' Secretary
- Ian Souter New Members' Coordinator
- Mike de Carteret Archivist
- Hazel Solway
- No further nominations have been received. Resolution 3.

8. No further items for discussion had been received by the Secretary by 12 July 2022.

This completes the formal proceedings of the Annual General Meeting.

Guest Speaker: Sir Richard Collas – former Bailiff of Guernsey

Resolutions for the 2022 AGM – Voting will be by proxy votes received by the Secretary by close of business on Tuesday, 2nd August 2022 and a show of hands at the AGM. Proxy voting form can be found here and the form includes details on how to lodge your votes.

Ordinary Resolution 1

To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of u3a Guernsey held on 27th August 2021.

Ordinary Resolution 2

To appoint Mike Dunning as the Auditor for u3a Guernsey for the period to the next Annual General Meeting.

Ordinary Resolution 3

To vote for the nominated members to the Executive Committee for the period to the next

Annual General Meeting.

Scarecrow Festival

This weekend u3a Guernsey is supporting the Torteval Scarecrow Festival, with a display organised by Molly & Bob Thompson (our u3a Choir and u3a Walking Group convenors).

Molly & Bob have been working on making "lifelike u3a member" scarecrows in various learning, laughing and living modes, and invited also other interest groups to make something for the display.

In our u3a Metalwork Group, we concluded that it would be a good idea to build, as a team effort, a "seated person learning to play the ukulele" (the Ukes Group being the oldest and one of the most popular interest groups in u3a Guernsey). We hope that the result will make you smile, along with all the other scarecrows on display at the Festival.

The site our display will be in Les Buttes. For more information look up the Festival here:

https://www.facebook.com/tortevalscarecrowfestival/photos/a.360606550673008/52 06711752729106

Please do try to make the festival next weekend and see our u3a display!

Ian Daish
Convenor - u3a Guernsey Metalwork Group



Pitch and Put



The winning team Beryl, Mike, Gail and Keith

















Coffee Morning

St Pierre Park Hotel

Please join us for our August Coffee Morning Watch out for Date and time News Flash St Pierre Park Hotel.

Please only attend if you are feeling well. Hopefully you are all regularly testing for Covid with a LFT and showing none of the symptoms.

We look forward to seeing you all.







Boys' Breakfast

Afraid I don't have a date for August's Breakfast so please watch out for the Newsflash at the beginning of the month.

Please join us, as always, for a delicious, great value, cooked breakfast.

Please only attend if you have been double jabbed and are regularly testing for Covid with a LFT and showing none of the Covid symptoms. Perhaps do a LFT before coming along to the breakfast.



National Newsletter

Are you receiving your own personal copy of the u3a National Newsletter? If not and you would like to see it then you need to go to this link

https://u3a.us9.list-manage.com/track/click? u=656ad5962b370cc9e2731d1ed&id=3cc1ed5b1c&e=21dcf0fcf2

A bite-sized version is also posted by Alan on our Facebook page GUERNSEY U3A.

Anyone with a suggestion how we could make being a member a better experience, please share your idea by emailing

u3aguernsey.suggestionbox@gmail.com

These will be treated in confidence and anonymised if requested before being presented to the committee for discussion.

Links to this newsletter and copies of this and the National Newsletter can be found on the u3a Guernsey website. All group activities can also be found on the u3a Guernsey website.

You can also read or download our Newsletter directly from the Documents section of our <u>website</u>. To do this you will need to use a username and password, which are common for <u>all</u> members and are the <u>same</u> for <u>any</u> document that is passworded on our website. These are case sensitive and are as follows:

Username: U3aguernsey Password: Lihounineteen

If you have any problems accessing the newsletter or any other document, please

email us at <u>u3aguernsey.news@gmail.com</u>

You can browse all of the current Interest Groups on our website's <u>GROUPS</u>

PAGE, (click on this link to get there instantly). Also check out the <u>EVENTS</u>

PAGE to see what's going - new events are added as soon as they have been organised.

Our website and <u>NEWS PAGE</u> are regularly updated with the latest information and pictures of Group activities. Please send in photos and news articles from your Group to <u>u3aguernsey.news@gmail.com</u>; we would love to hear from you and to display your efforts on our website, Newsletter and Facebook pages.





<u>U3A Guernsey (Closed) Facebook Group</u> <u>U3A Guernsey Website</u>