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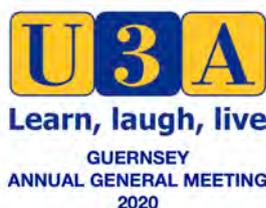
Well done **Guernsey together** we have eliminated covid19 in the Bailiwick! The news on Wednesday was fantastic, albeit that it is only another milestone in our long road back to normal (Normal? What's that, Grandpa?).

Whilst we anticipate that Phase 4 of the **Exit from Lockdown** from tomorrow (Saturday 30th May) will allow us more freedom to recommence some of our U3A activities, it is likely that all will have to be conducted with some continued restrictions, such as social distancing, hygiene, etc.

As I write, the final details of Phase 4 have still not been released by the SoG, but are expected to be published very shortly. Your Executive Committee will then need time to consider all of the implications of these revised regulations, rules and requirements, which will impact on what we can do and how we do it.

We also have a parallel issue of ensuring that our **U3A master insurance policy** will cover the restart of our activities. Our insurers, Aviva in the UK, have yet to acknowledge that whilst most other U3As in the UK cannot yet restart their activities, things are quite different in Guernsey. We are currently still awaiting confirmation from Aviva that we can restart and their requirements, if any, of how we should commence our restart.

Your Executive Committee will be meeting on Tuesday next week to work our way through these issues in a constructive and logical process to establish what we can do, as well as how and when, under Phase 4.



Today, 29th May, would have been the day of **our Annual General Meeting** at St Sampsons High School with Christopher Beaumont, the Seigneur of Sark, as our guest speaker. (And, you would have had to listen to me prattling on all about the wonderful things that the U3A Guernsey membership got up to over the past year, too!) But, I am afraid we will all have to wait a bit longer before we can properly hold any large gatherings, like our AGM. We hope that we will be allowed to hold it by the end of the year, but setting any firm date seems pointless until we know more about what we can do under the next phase, Phase 5, of the Exit from Lockdown, and when.

Nevertheless, I am pleased to announce that our **U3A Guernsey Annual Accounts** have been prepared, audited and signed off in time for today, as if the AGM had taken place. In this regard, I would like to thank the finance team led by our Treasurer - Garry Wade, supported by Deputy Treasurer - Judy Dyke and our Treasurer Designate - Peter Langford, together with our auditor, Mike Dunning, in getting the accounts done on time, notwithstanding the restrictions and problems that they had to contend with during Lockdown.

The good news is that even though we had the big expenditure last year of our Everything U3A! Summer Showcase day with cream teas in the marquee at KGV, we came out with a surplus of £1,300, giving us funds carried forward to 2020/2021 of £6,897. The Accounts, together with some very helpful explanatory notes written by Garry, are enclosed with this newsletter.

Should anyone have questions about the Accounts or wish to see further details, please email Garry at u3aguernsey.treasurer@gmail.com anytime before the end of June and he will respond to you as soon as he can.

Lastly on financial matters, had the AGM taken place today, Garry would have retired as our Treasurer and been succeeded by our Treasurer Designate, **Peter Langford**. As fixing the date of the AGM is still not possible, it has been agreed by all concerned that Garry will stand back from his role as from today and that Peter will take over as Treasurer, with these arrangements being ratified at the AGM whenever we can hold it. I am also pleased to announce that Garry has agreed to continue to support us all as the Beacon System Administrator - Beacon being our membership and finance administration system, which is vital for the smooth running of our U3A, and many other U3As, across the water.

As I cannot introduce Peter in person to you today, I have asked him to provide a brief biography, which you will find below.

As we near the end of Lockdown, it is **time to reflect** on what we learned during this very strange and stressful period in everyone's life. Jane Pearson has suggested that it would be a great idea to share our reminiscences and reflections on our lives during these past weeks - see her article below to find out more.

À la perchoine!

Ian Daish
Chairman & Newsletter Editor, U3A Guernsey
Learn, Laugh, Live!

Peter Langford - U3A Guernsey Treasurer Designate

I was born and raised in Birmingham. After school I was fortunate to get a place at Cambridge, where I was an engineering student and learnt rowing. There I met my wife-to-be, Jeanne Guillemette, a Guernsey girl, who often visited Cambridge, although she was studying at Manchester. After graduating, we got married and spent three years in North Carolina, where I did an MBA degree. Afterwards, we lived in London, by which time we had two young boys. We decided Guernsey would be a nicer place to bring them up and moved here in 1978.

Back then it was early days for the finance industry, so I took some accountancy qualifications to improve my prospects and over time made my way in the finance sector.

Meanwhile, Jeanne was involved in the National Childbirth Trust. In 1995, a colleague and I co-founded the local company Asset Risk Consultants. I'm retired now, but the company is still going strong.



We've known Ian and Liz Daish from when we first moved to Guernsey and it was through them that we acquired the barge next to theirs in Brittany. We spent many happy seasons exploring the Brittany canals.

I've only recently become involved in the U3A but I've had a long association with the Astronomy Section of La Société Guernesiasse, where I serve as treasurer. I enjoy mathematics and I've spent many years trying to get to grips with the general theory of relativity (interest group anyone?). Our two daughters were born in Guernsey and the four children spent their formative years here. Now they are grown up and we have seven grandchildren to keep us on our toes, three here and four in the UK.

Peter Langford

Reflections on Lockdown

As we start to return to some sort of normality and become used to being out and about with our friends, I believe it would be good to have a record of how our members spent their time during lockdown.

Perhaps this information could be shared on the website as a permanent reminder of what we have all suffered and managed to pull through?

I am looking for photographs, writings, poems, drawings, recipes, top tips, etc. - items that you feel you can share with everyone, which will give us a reminder of the past few months. Please send any items to me at: 1991pearson@gmail.com

Jane Pearson, Interest Groups' Co-ordinator

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