

Penicuik and District u3a

News from the chair

Past members

Sadly, two long-standing former members, Terry Wiles and Maira Martin, have passed away recently.

New member

Jan Donaldson has joined.

Burns lunch report/photos

Convening at the Navaar hotel at 12 noon on 25th January we had a most enjoyable lunch with a very varied programme of entertainment by our members. 50 members went home very happy at 3.30 pm

Committee vacancies

- 1) Deputy chair.
- 2) Deputy/assistant editor for the newsletter.
- 3) Deputy/assistant for our website. It's really easy!
- 4) Pat Rooke has served as Interest Groups Coordinator for six years and 2024-2025 will be her last year. A deputy/ assistant would be most appropriate now.
- 5) Open Meetings Coordinator.

Role descriptions from Hugh.

Subscriptions for 2024/25

Are due at our March AGM and still cost only £15. They can be paid from the February open meeting.





Future events - dates for your diary

1) Thursday 22nd February at 2.00 pm in the town hall -Storytelling by Michael Kerins.

Next year's subscriptions (£15) will be accepted here to lessen the task at the AGM. Membership renewal forms will be available.

2) Thursday 21st March at 2.00 pm in the town hall - our AGM and Derek Bates will explain 'Why a biomedical scientist went to war'.

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- 3) Thursday 18th April at 2.00 pm in the town hall Ruth Boreham will be describing the life of Mary Somerville.
- 4) Thursday 16th May at 2.00 pm in the town hall Philip Munro will tell us about the South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project.

N.B. Please read the most important AGM notes on

Groups feature

New group.

Our 'Pub group' is renamed as 'Natter and Noggin'.

17 members have expressed wishes to join this group.
8 members met in a very quiet Craigie Hotel lounge on Monday (22nd January) night from 7.30 - 9.00 pm and had a very sociable meeting where we solved the problems of the world.
4 members met in the lounge bar of the Navaar Hotel on Wednesday 24th January from 3.00 - 4.30 pm

Future meetings will be held in the Craigie on Friday 9th February from 3.00 - 4.30 pm and on Monday 22nd February from 7.30 - 9.00 pm.

Next month - which group wants to advertise?
Looking for new blood, then your group could be next.

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Tell us about your group

Articles about group activities, group news and group photos are most welcome.

A very recent survey indicated

A very recent survey indicated that members want more of this information in our newsletter. The editor can't create it - but you could! Just send it to me.

Important 'stuff' for our March AGM

- Our AGM will be held on Thursday 21st March 2024. Your AGM documents will be sent or delivered to you on or about 22nd February 2024.
- Those members who wish to be considered for Committee membership as an Officer (Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary), or Non-Officer (Membership Secretary, Interest Groups Coordinator, Open Meetings Coordinator, Social Convenor or Communication, Administration and Publicity Coordinator) need to complete and submit a nomination form by 22nd February 2024.
- Those members wishing to present a motion or resolution to the AGM need to submit them by 22nd February by completing and returning the appropriate form.
- These forms are available electronically or as a hard copy from Aileen, the Secretary, via the 'Contact' page on our website (www.u3asites.org.uk/penicuik).

Photos from our Burns lunch

These photos opposite were our member entertainers. Would you like to take part next year? Please let me know, there's plenty time to prepare.

'Haggis address' translation

For any member contemplating addressing the haggis next year, I have a translation which makes it much easier to understand and learn off by heart. Contact Hugh

u3a Scotland's Summer School

Will be held at Stirling University campus on 22-24 August. Topics include: Creative Craft, Admiring Nature, Technology, Play Writing, Drug Discovery and Drawing Skills.

Contact Hugh for more information.

Photos (low quality is fine!)

Photos of group images are always welcome. Has your group displayed yet?

Visit our u3a website

www.u3asites.org.uk/penicuik

Want to learn how to manage a website?

Until I got involved, I had absolutely no experience in this area. With good software, it's really user-friendly. I could really use assistance here and will provide training. Why not learn a new skill?

Hugh Munro (chair) ('Contact' page on our website)











