

NEWSLETTER

Penicuik and District u3a

News from the chair

New members

We welcome Jackie McDonald and Neil MacDonald (Alison's husband).

Subscriptions for 2024/25

Are due at our March AGM and still cost only £15. Please do help your committee by prompt payment. Already, over half of our membership have paid and the committee is very appreciative. Membership renewal forms can be found in the 'Documents' section of our website. If you still have issues, please tell Hugh.

Committee vacancies

- 1) Deputy chair.
- 2) Deputy/assistant editor for the newsletter.
- 3) Deputy/assistant for our website.
- 4) Pat has served as Interest Groups Co-ordinator 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 are available from Hugh, or ask a committee member.



A record! 73 members at February open meeting.

Future events - dates for your diary

1) Thursday 21st March at 2.00 pm in the town hall - our AGM, followed by member Derek Bates who will explain 'Why a biomedical scientist went to war'.

Next year's subscriptions (£15) are due here.

Membership renewal forms will be available.

2) Thursday 18th April at 2.00 pm in the town hall - Ruth Boreham will be describing the life of Mary Somerville.

3) Thursday 16th May at 2.00 pm in the town hall - Philip Munro will tell us about the South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project.

4) Thursday 15th June (N.B. the second Thursday) - Our Summer Outing to the Roslin Institute. Full details will follow, but it's expected to start at 10.00 am and finish mid-afternoon, with lots of points of interest and lunch (not free) on-site. They're really pulling out the stops for us! If you want to come, please express your intention as soon as possible.

Groups feature.

Tell us about your group

Articles about group activities, group news and group photos are most welcome. If you send them to me, I'll put them in a future newsletter.

Interest Groups Online (IGO)

As shown on page 57 of the latest Third Age Magazine, it costs £12 to join this online group for a year. (1st April to 31st March). With over 75 groups on offer, you can join groups and courses from the comfort of your own home. Go to: www.u3a.org.uk/igo

u3a Online group meetings

In this new series by OnlineAcrossScotland, a wide variety of topics can be joined. As a u3a member, there is no extra cost to you. Use this link to access them. <https://u3asites.org.uk/onlineacrossscotland/events>

New group (Mahjong)?

Angela, a new member, had organised a Mahjong group at her previous u3a in Cheshire. If you are interested, please let Pat know.

u3a Scotland's Summer School

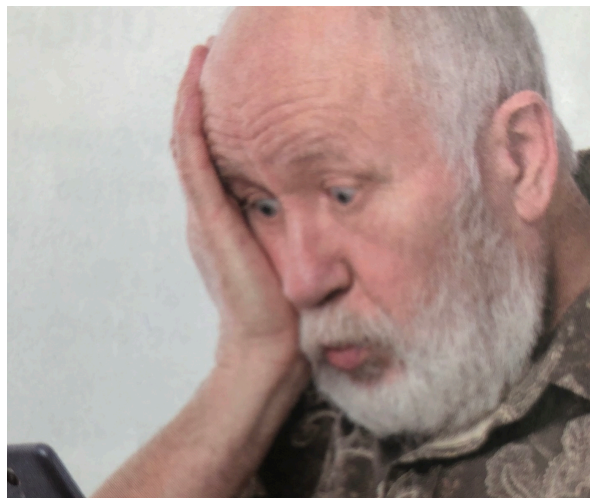
Will be held at Stirling University campus on 22-24 August. Topics include: Creative Craft, Admiring Nature, Technology, Play Writing, Drug Discovery and Drawing Skills. Contact Hugh for more info.



Fun and Games group at play.



Theatre group at work?



Would you benefit from the Smartphone group?

Photos (low quality is fine!)

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

Please send both horizontal (landscape format) and vertical (portrait format) photos. The former are best for our website and the latter for the newsletter.

Visit our u3a website


www.u3asites.org.uk/penicuik

Hugh (chair)

📌 The price of stamps is set to rise on Tuesday 2 April:

- ⚠️ First class will go up by 10p to £1.35
- ⚠️ Second class will go up by 10p to 85p
- 📌 You can stock up on stamps at their current price if you buy before 2 April

👉



MONEYSAVINGEXPERT.COM

Standard first-class stamp prices to rise by an inflation-busting 8% from 2 April – here's how to beat the hike

Staying local this summer ...

