

# NEWSLETTER

## Penicuik and District u3a

### News from the committee

Our Open Meetings Coordinator (OMC) had put his name forward as our new chair for 2024/25 but sadly had to withdraw for family reasons. He has agreed to continue with his OMC role.

Currently we are without a chair and a vice-chair. Could you take on these figurehead roles for a short term, obviously with full committee support?

### Suggestions to help

The committee always invites interested members to join committee meetings as observers. You can request a role description for any position or discuss your interest with a committee member.

### Subscriptions for 2024/25

Were due at our March AGM and still cost only £15. Over 130 members have made their payments. The committee thanks them and all who assisted others by printing and distributing forms etc. We hope to receive outstanding payments and forms very soon. Helen can be contacted on [pku3a.mem@gmail.com](mailto:pku3a.mem@gmail.com).

### Committee vacancies

- 1) Chair.
- 2) Deputy chair
- 3) Our Interest Groups Co-ordinator has served for six years and 2024-2025 will be her last year. A deputy would be most appropriate now.



**Could you fill this u3a role for a year or two?**

### Future events - dates for your diary

- 1) Thursday 18th April at 2.00 pm in the town hall - Ruth Boreham will be describing the life of Mary Somerville.
- 2) Thursday 16th May at 2.00 pm in the town hall - Philip Munro will tell us about the South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project.
- 3) Thursday 13th June (N.B. second Thursday) - Our Summer Outing to the Roslin Institute. Full details will follow, but it's expected to start at 10.00 am with several lectures and finish mid-afternoon, after visits to several labs to learn about the latest sciences. Lunch is available on-site at moderate cost. They're really pulling out the stops for us! Do join us. We'll travel independently or car share. No private coach this time! Contact Janet on [pku3a.soc@gmail.com](mailto:pku3a.soc@gmail.com).

## New Member

Welcome \*\*\*\*\* , our latest member and please help him to enjoy the benefits of our u3a.

## 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](http://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)

A new member, who organised a Mahjong group at her previous u3a in England wishes to start a new group. Only four members are required to start this group. If you are interested, please let our Interest Groups Coordinator 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 the newsletter editor for more information



Art Appreciation group at City Arts Centre



Our walking group on a rare sunny day in the Borders



See 'occifer', we CAN walk in a straight line!



**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.

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**New nationwide newsletter starting up:**



u3a Friends Extra is a wide range of offers exclusively for members of our u3a Friends community. These include discounts on holidays, insurance and more.

These offers will be delivered to members through the u3a Friends Newsletter. Please do spread the word and encourage members to sign up using this link [our website](#), which takes you to the [national u3a](#) website.

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