

AGM 24th April 2024

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Thank you for joining us

QUORATE ?

- Membership = 353
- Members Present = 58

Quorum = 10% of Membership

- Apologies = 18
- Minutes of last AGM (*were agreed and signed*)



AGENDA ...

- Attendance & Apologies
- Minutes of Last AGM
- Chair's Report on the Year
- Activities & Interest Groups
- Membership Report
- Treasurer's Report 2023-24
- Election of 2024-25 Committee
- Q&As



Day Walkers!



Chair's Report

Chris Wright

The Ethos of u3a

Beacon Administration System

Speakers Meetings

Activity & Interest Groups

Thank You Everyone!



Ethos of u3a – Three Principles ...

The Third Age Principle:

Membership of a u3a is open to all in their third age.

Self-Help Learning Principle:

Members form interest groups covering as wide a range of topics and activities as they desire.

The Mutual Aid Principle:

- Each u3a is a mutual aid organisation, operationally independent but a member of the Third Age Trust.
- No payments are made to members for services.
- Each u3a is self-funded by membership subscriptions which are kept as low as possible.

BEACON ...



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Beacon

Bridgnorth & District

... is keeping our admin wheels turning.
The Beacon System is working well for
Membership Records, Activity Groups,
Finances and Email Communications.

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Monthly Open Speaker Meetings ...

Members Attendance has increased this year

2022-23 2023-24

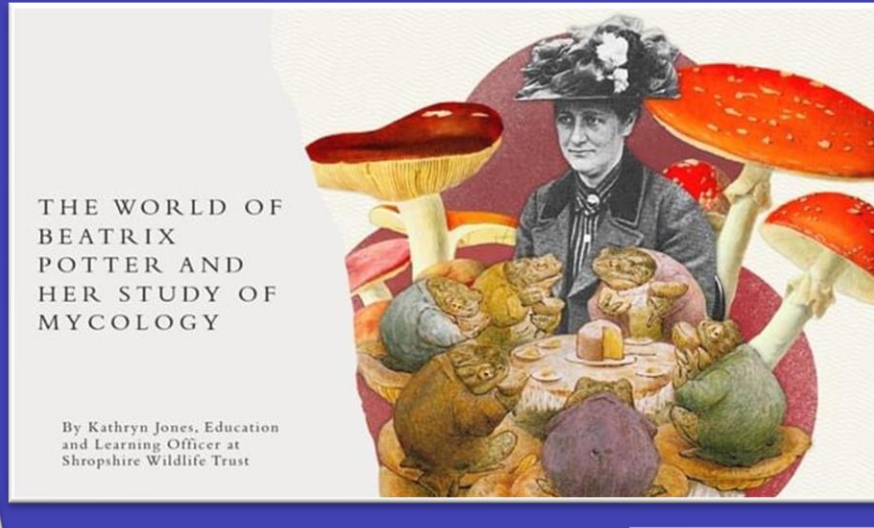


April	73	73
May	53	70
June	65	77
July	52	107
Aug	63	64
Sept	94	94
Oct	79	88
Nov	87	108
Jan	108	105
Feb	77	105
March	85	92





A Reminder of some of our Speakers ...



u3a is a Mutual Aid Organisation



It only works with members
volunteering one way or another!
Our Volunteers need to be acknowledged
and thanked

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Firstly we have our Welcome Hosting Team ...

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- Jean Swift (Host Coordinator)
- Carol Baker
- Susan Escribano
- Mike Draper
- Chris James
- Avril Nichols
- Marie Ratcliffe (Publicity)
- Ina Roberts
- Val Johns
- Judy Lea
- Pamela Williams
- Keith Ruston (Photographer)
- Margaret Warwick
- Eirlys Wyn Jones
- John A Smith
- Liz Smith
- Jean-Mary Wilkes
- Trevor Padget
- Cath Kimberley Bassett
- Heather Yarwood

19 in total!





Then we have our Activity Group Leaders ...

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- Cliff Bassett
- Trish Bennett
- Allan Clayton
- Jane Freshney
- Mary Galloway
- Jenny Green
- Jo Hammond
- Janet Hardy
- Helen Herritty
- Tessa Holden
- Lesley Jones
- Susan King
- Marion Low
- Maureen Mumford
- Pamela Oakley
- Trevor Padget
- Susan Powell
- Tony Pritchard
- Ina Roberts
- Keith Ruston
- Linda Ruston
- Mary Salter
- Val Seabright
- John A Smith
- Liz Smith
- Graeme Stoner
- Jean Swift
- Angela Treble
- Chris Wright

29 in total!

**Thank
You!**

Activity & Interest Groups ...

LANGUAGE GROUPS ...



FRENCH



SPANISH



GERMAN

INTEREST GROUPS ...



QUIZ HOUR



BOOK GROUPS



IPAD SUPPORT



TRAVELLERS



PHOTOGRAPHY



CREATIVE WRITING



ART APPRECIATION



CRAFT GROUP



CINEMA GOERS

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PHYSICAL & OUTDOORS ...



WALKS - SHORT



WALKS - MEDIUM



WALKS - DAY



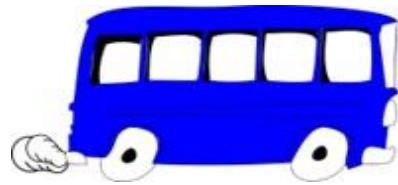
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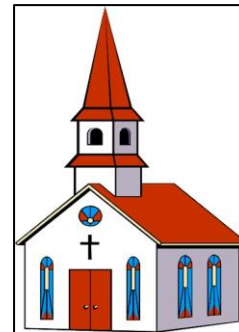
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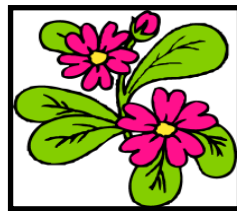
OUT & ABOUT



BUS PASS - DAY OUT



EXPLORING CHURCHES



GARDEN VISITS

27 in total!

GAMES TOGETHER ...



BRIDGE



CANASTA



CRIBBAGE



SCRABBLE



RUMMIKUB



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Art Appreciation
at the Cinema!



Bus Pass –
A Day Out!



French Conversation
over Coffee!

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Out & About!



Exploring
Much Wenlock!

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Games Together!



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Our Short Walk Leaders!



Bus Pass –
Day Outers!

Out & About!





Finally your 14 in total! C'tee Trustees 2023-24 ...



Officers ...

- Chris Wright - Chair
- xxx - Vice Chair
- xxx - Secretary
- Pamela Oakley - Treasurer

Co-opted during '23 ...

Jean Swift Heather Yarwood
John Barton Linda Barton

Committee ...

- Janet Hardy - Membership
- Susan Powell - Activities
- Jane Jasper - Speakers '24
- Jo Hammond - Speakers '23
- Tessa Holden - Refreshments
- Cliff Bassett - Committee
- Linda Ruston - Committee
- Richard Cookson - Committee

Membership Secretary's Report

Janet Hardy

The logo for u3a, featuring the text 'u3a' in a large, white, sans-serif font, followed by the tagline 'learn, laugh, live' in a smaller, white, sans-serif font stacked vertically to the right of the 'a'. The logo is positioned on a large yellow circular shape that is partially cut off by the right edge of the slide.

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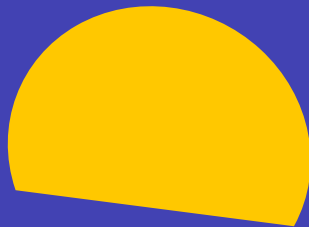
Membership

293 Start Year
353 End Year

Net Gain = 60 (20%)

Individual Members = 227
Joint Members = 118
Associate Members = 7
Honorary Member = 1

Male 27% Female 73%



Email
336
(95%)

Keeping in touch with members ...

Newsletters



email



phone



zoom

Website



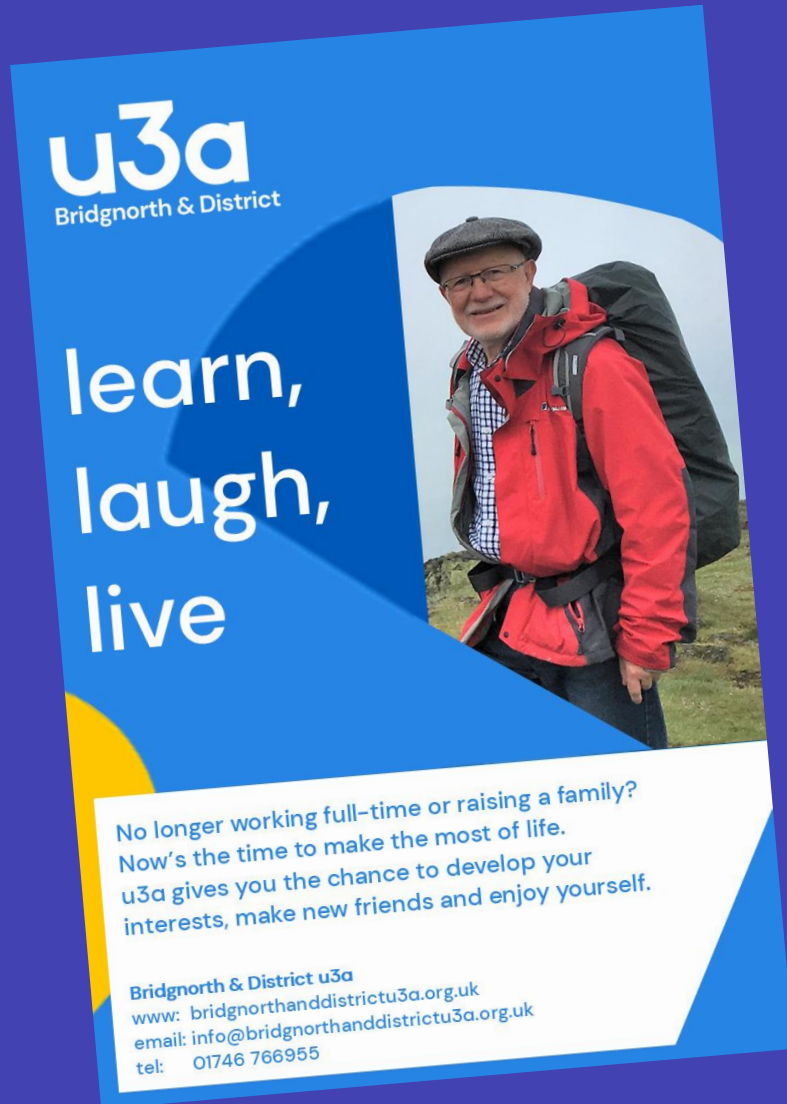
Facebook Group



Bridgnorth u3a - Members Together

Private group

Attracting new members ...



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No longer working full-time or raising a family?
Now's the time to make the most of life.
u3a gives you the chance to develop your
interests, make new friends and enjoy yourself.

Bridgnorth & District u3a
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NON MEMBERS WELCOMED

at our monthly Speakers Mtg

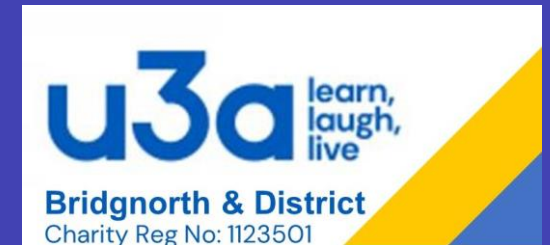
'GREET & MEET' NEW MEMBERS

1st Fridays in the Crown Inn, High Street

PROMOTING u3a

in Bridgnorth Library and Tanners Window

National u3a Week - September 2023



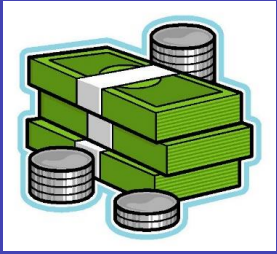
PUBLICITY ...

u3a Leaflets & Posters around Bridgnorth

Good company, Music & Bucks Fizz at Christmas time!



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Treasurer's Report

Pamela Oakley

Statement of Accounts
previously emailed to all members
(copies on your chairs)

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Balance Sheet ...

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2023-24

2022-23

Activities (Bank)	£	500.62
Activities (Cash)	£	1,108.21
Current	£	6,740.67
Membership	£	-
PayPal	£	-
Reserves	£	7,000.00

TOTAL **£ 15,349.50**

Activities (Bank)	£	649.92
Activities (Cash)	£	357.18
Current	£	7,960.16
Membership	£	-
PayPal	£	-
Reserves	£	5,000.00

TOTAL **£ 13,967.26**



Comments ...

Receipts & Payments Account ...

shows a healthy end year surplus largely due to a surge in recruitment over the past six months.

Reserves Account ...

is more than sufficient and a further £2K has been transferred to attract interest.

Annual Membership Subscriptions ...

will be maintained at £12 per annum.

How was your Subscription spent?

Receipts

M'Ship Fees	£	11.89
Gift Aid	£	1.53
Interest	£	0.68
Speaker Meetings	£	0.83

TOTAL £ 14.93

Payments

Third Age Trust - Subscription	£	3.30	
Third Age Trust - Magazines	£	2.29	
Third Age Trust - Beacon Support	£	0.93	£ 6.52

Members - Website/Licences	£	0.63	
Members - Newsletters	£	0.88	
Members - Events	-£	0.13	
Members - Printing/Publicity	£	2.34	
C'tee - Sundries/IT Support	£	1.97	£ 5.69

TOTAL £ 12.21

Surplus
per
Member
£2.72

Averaged by 350 members



Accounts 2023-24

- Formally accepted by the **Trustees** (11/04/24)
- 'Examined' by **Tony Trathen** (16/04/24)
- Statement of Accounts will be forwarded to the **Charity Commission** asap

Any Questions?

Pamela Oakley - u3a Treasurer



Accounts 2024-25

Appointing our Examiner for next year ...

The Trustees propose

Tony Trathen, as Examiner for the coming

2024-25 Accounting Year





Wet & Dry Short Walkers!



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Our Constitution & Trustees Terms of Office

Chris Wright

Election of Officers & Committee Members

Time to vote for the team that will be looking after your u3a during the coming year ...



Trustees are elected yearly

For a term of a maximum 3 years

... then must take a year's break or take on another Trustee Role



Maximum term is 9 years whether contiguous or not

OFFICERS (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary & Treasurer) (max 4)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS (max 8)

CO-OPTED MEMBERS (max 3) Co-opted till next AGM

Please consider volunteering ...

Ongoing ... u3a members must come forward to replace retiring Committee Members

In spite of rumours ...

it is not a forever commitment!

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We need

YOU!



Co-optees ...

Why not volunteer for 1 year as a co-optee and discover 'how your u3a works'?

Retiring this AGM ...

Officer ...

Pamela Oakley - Treasurer (3 years)

Committee Members ...

Richard Cookson (5 years)

Tessa Holden (3 years)

Jo Hammond (3 years)



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New Trustees ...



Secretary **Linda Barton** (1st of max 3 years)
Proposed by: C Wright Seconded by: C Bassett

Activities **Heather Yarwood** (1st of max 3 years)
Proposed by: P Oakley Seconded by: J Hardy

Member **John Barton** (1st of max 3 years)
Proposed by: C Wright Seconded by: L Ruston

Member **Jean Swift** (1st of max 3 years)
Proposed by: C Wright Seconded by: J Hardy

Trustees serving another year ...



Chair **Chris Wright** (Final year)
Proposed by: M Ratcliffe Seconded by: T Trathen

Vice Chair ???
Proposed by: xxx Seconded by: xxx

Treasurer **Cliff Bassett** (1st of max 3 years)
Proposed by: D Jeynes Seconded by: J Hammond

M'Ship **Janet Hardy** (2nd of max 3 years)
Proposed by: C Wright Seconded by: S Powell

Trustees serving another year cont'd ...



Speakers

Jane Jasper (1st of max 3 years)

Proposed by: C Wright Seconded by: C Bassett

Member

Susan Powell (Final Year)

Proposed by: C Wright Seconded by: C Bassett

Member

Linda Ruston (2nd of max 3 years)

Proposed by: C Wright Seconded by: P Oakley

Co-optees for 2024-25 ...



John A Smith (Max 1 year)

Proposed & Seconded by your Committee

Liz Smith (Max 1 year)

Proposed & Seconded by your Committee



Your 2024-25 Committee ...



Officers:

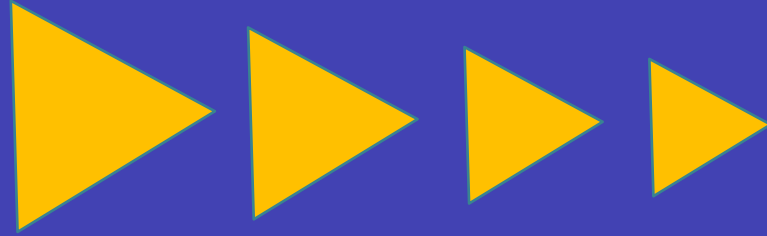
Chris Wright	Chair
???	Vice Chair
Linda Barton	Secretary
Cliff Bassett	Treasurer

Co-optees:

John A Smith
Liz Smith

Committee Members:

Janet Hardy	Membership
Heather Yarwood	Activities
Jane Jasper	Speakers
John Barton	
Susan Powell	
Linda Ruston	
Jean Swift	



Looking forward 2024-25

With the help of our members, we plan to continue to grow and strengthen Bridgnorth & District u3a for the benefit of our existing members ...

... and to welcome others from the local community to come and join us!

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Thank you for joining us today

The AGM is officially closed

Q & A Forum

Announcements

Now something a little lighter!

Pamela Sanderson...

A Story from The Old Bailey!

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Greet & Meet in Town – The Crown Inn, 1st Fridays in the Month!



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