

AGM 23rd April 2025

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Bridgnorth & District



Thank you for joining us

QUORUM ?

- Members Present 95

Quorum Required = 10% Membership

- Apologies 14



AGENDA ...

- Attendance & Apologies
- Minutes of Last AGM
- Chair's Report on the Year
- Membership Report
- Activities & Interest Groups
- Treasurer's Report 2024-25
- 2025-26 Committee - Election



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Our Day Walkers!



Chair's Report

Chris Wright

with Personal Message

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Ethos of u3a – The Three Principles

The Third Age Principle:

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Self-Help Learning Principle:

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BEACON ...



Bridgnorth & District

Management Information System
keeps our records safe for ...

Membership

Activity Groups

Financial Transactions

and Keeping in Touch (Email)

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Monthly Open Speaker Meetings ...

Members Attending

'23-24 '24-25

Apr	73	58
May	70	70
June	77	78
July	107	75
Aug	64	82
Sept	94	102
Oct	88	92
Nov	108	116
Jan	105	96
Feb	105	96
Mar	<u>92</u>	<u>115</u>
	983	982





Our Speakers - A Reminder



Natalie Cumming
'The Fiddle'



Kath Reynolds
**Gymslips &
Chalkboards**



Andrew Crabtree
Songs from the West End



Andy Neal
**West Mercia
Search & Rescue**



Graham Short
**My Life
as a Micro Artist**



Andrew Lound
**Rebellious
Birmingham**



**Severn Trent
River Rangers**



Jonathan Walton
'Antarctica'

Investing into the future ...

Sound System – Speaker Meetings

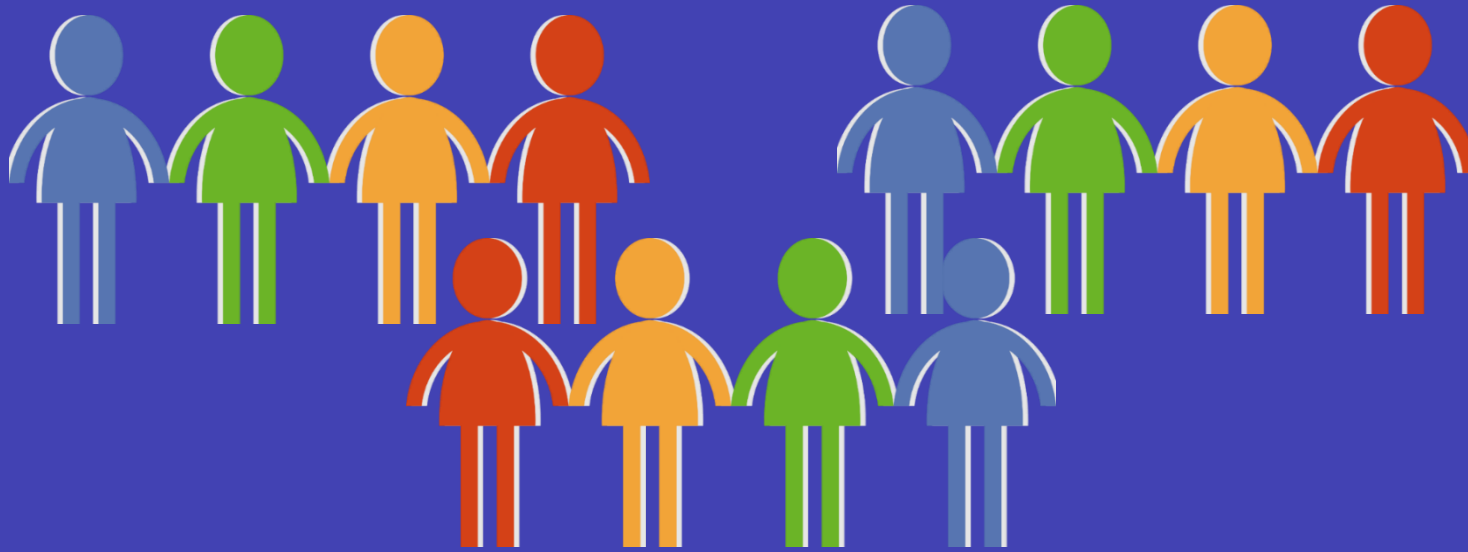
TV Monitor Screen – Interest Groups

Windows 11 Laptop – Activities

Posters & Welcome Leaflets - Publicity



u3a only works with members
volunteering one way or another!



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u3a is a Mutual Aid Organisation



Thank you to our Activity Group Leaders ...



- Cliff Bassett
- **Tricia Bennett***
- Allan Clayton
- Audrey Cooper
- Elaine de Graaff
- Jane Freshney
- **Mary Galloway***
- **Jenny Green***
- Jo Hammond
- Janet Hardy
- Helen Herritty
- **Lesley Jones***
- Susan King
- Marion Low
- Pamela Oakley
- Trevor Padget
- Susan Powell
- Tony Pritchard
- Ina Roberts
- Liz Ross
- Malcolm Ross
- Keith Ruston
- Linda Ruston
- Mary Salter
- Val Seabright
- David Sharland
- John A Smith
- Graeme Stoner
- Jean Swift
- Tony Trathen
- Angela Treble
- Chris Wright
- Heather Yarwood

33 in total!



Thank you to our **Hosting Team ... 20 in total!**



- | | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| ▪ Carol Baker | (Host) | ▪ Pamela Oakley | (Reception) |
| ▪ Richard Cookson | (Chairs) | ▪ Fay Oultram | (Meet & Greet) |
| ▪ Susan Escribano | (Host) | ▪ Trevor Padget | (Host) |
| ▪ Tessa Holden | (Refreshments) | ▪ Marie Ratcliffe | (Publicity) |
| ▪ Chris James | (Chairs) | ▪ Ina Roberts | (Refreshments) |
| ▪ Val Johns | (Activities) | ▪ Keith Ruston | (Photographer) |
| ▪ Cath K-Bassett | (Activities) | ▪ Pamela Sanderson | (Host) |
| ▪ Barbara Littler | (Refreshments) | ▪ Margaret Warwick | (Host) |
| ▪ Michael Morgan | (Chairs) | ▪ Pamela Williams | (Host) |
| ▪ Avril Nichols | (Reception) | ▪ Eirlys Wyn Jones | (Refreshments) |



Thanks to the Committee Trustees 2024-25



Officers ...

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

Co-opted during '24 ...

Elaine de Graaff
Liz & John A Smith

Committee ...

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

13 in total!



Publicity!



Needlecrafters!



Wine Tasters!



Pickleballers!

Membership Secretary's Report

Janet Hardy

The logo for u3a (University of the Third Age) is displayed within a yellow circular graphic. It consists of 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 "u3a".

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The Third Age Principle:

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Membership ...

2023-24

Start Year 293

End Year 353

Recruited: 85

Net Gain = 60 (20%)

2024-25 (this past year)

Start Year 353

End Year 369

Recruited: 61

Net Gain = 16 (6%)



Individual Members = 232

Joint Members = 128

Associate Members = 8

Honorary Member = 1

How do we keep in touch with our members ?



Newsletters



email



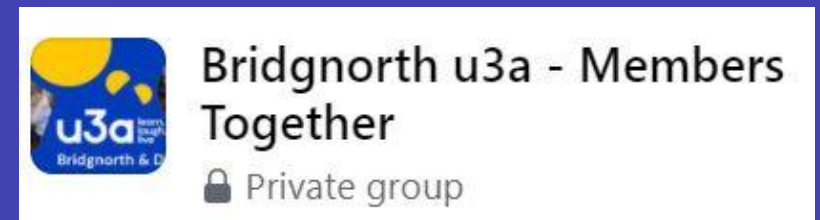
phone



zoom



Website



Facebook Group

How do we attract new members?



MONTHLY 'OPEN' SPEAKER MEETINGS

Non Members Welcomed

'GREET & MEET' NEW MEMBERS

1st Fridays in The Crown Inn, High Street

PROMOTING u3a

in Bridgnorth Library and Tanners Window

National u3a Week - September 2024

PUBLICITY ...

u3a Leaflets & Posters around Bridgnorth

WORD OF MOUTH ...

Last but not least ... and always the best!

'GREET & MEET' in Town ...



at the
The Crown Inn



1st Fridays
each month

Activity & Interest Groups

Heather Yarwood

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Activity & Interest Groups

Set up this year ...

**... and still going strong
after ten years ...**



Bridge Group



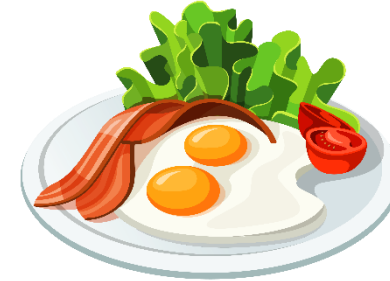
Out & About Group



Theatre Group

Calligraphy

Calligraphy



Breakfast Club



Needlecrafters



1-2-1 IT Support



Wine Appreciation

and not forgetting our other groups ...

PHYSICAL & OUTDOORS



WALKS - SHORT



WALKS - MEDIUM



WALKS - DAY



TENNIS / BADMINTON / P'BALL



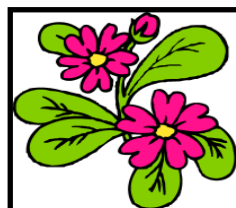
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SPANISH



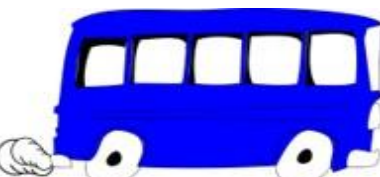
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GARDEN VISITS



ART APPRECIATION

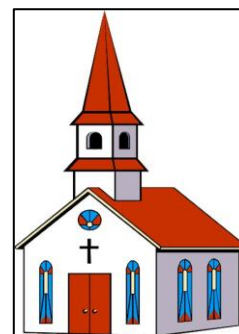


BUS PASS – DAY OUT

OUTINGS...



OUT & ABOUT



EXPLORING CHURCHES



CINEMA GOERS



PHOTOGRAPHY



TRAVELLERS



BOOK GROUPS

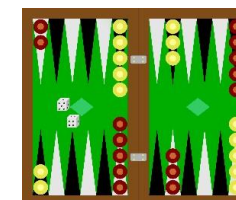


BRIDGE

GAMES TOGETHER ...



CANASTA



BACKGAMMON



CRIBBAGE



SCRABBLE



RUMMIKUB



MAH JONG



A Gin or two!



Photographers!



Medium Walkers!



Breakfast Clubbers!



Theatre Goers!



Much Wenlock
Priory!



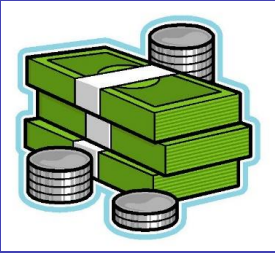
Exploring Churches!



Dressed for Dinner!



Time for a rest and enjoy the view!



Treasurer's Report

Cliff Bassett

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Statement of Accounts

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previously emailed to all members
(copies on your chairs)



Balance Sheet ...

BALANCE OF FUNDS as at 31st March 2025

Membership as at 31st March 2025 **369**

Current A/c	Balance to be carried forward	£	6,190.27	
Activities - Bank	Balance to be carried forward	£	744.57	
Activities - Cash	Balance to be carried forward	£	497.33	
PayPal A/c	Balance to be carried forward	£	NIL	
Reserves A/c	Balance to be carried forward	£	<u>7,000.00</u>	TOTAL £ 14,432.17



Comments ...

Receipts & Payments ...

Our receipts have risen slightly in line with our increasing membership numbers, but our payments have increased more significantly – mainly due to the purchase of a new Sound System and IT equipment for Trustees' use.

Reserves ...

Our Reserves are more than adequate for our current needs and can be allowed to fall.



Comments ...

Annual Subscription...

Although our Reserves remain healthy, 2024-25 saw us incur an operating deficit of **85p** per member.

It is anticipated that another deficit will be incurred in 2025-26, as TAT subscriptions and other prices increase. This will be covered by drawing on the surplus in our Current account.

Looking ahead, the Trustees are proposing to increase subscriptions for 2026-27 by £1 per member, while continuing to use our surplus funds to cover any shortfall.

Receipts

M'Ship Fees	£ 11.51
Gift Aid	£ 2.17
Interest	£ 0.90
Speaker Meetings	£ 2.77

TOTAL **£17.35**

Payments

Third Age Trust - Subscription	£ 4.00	
Third Age Trust - Magazines	£ 2.77	
Third Age Trust - Beacon Support	<u>£ 0.96</u>	£ 7.73

Members - Website / Licences	£ 0.26	
Members - Newsletters	£ 0.95	
Members - Events & LCTHall	£ 1.96	
Members - Equipment incl IT	£ 3.81	
Members - Printing/Publicity	£ 1.44	
C'tee - Sundries/IT Support	<u>£ 2.05</u>	£ 10.47

TOTAL **£18.20**

**Per Member ...
averaged by 370 Mbrs**

Deficit per Member 85p



Accounts 2024-25

- 'Examined' by **Tony Trathen** (07/04/25)
- Formally accepted by the **Trustees** (10/04/25)
- Statement of Accounts will be forwarded to the **Charity Commission** asap
- The **Trustees** propose **Tony Trathen** as Examiner for the **2025-26 Accounting Year**
- **Any Questions?** **Cliff Bassett - u3a Treasurer 2024-25**



Wine Tasters!



IT Support!



Breakfast Clubbers!



Bridge Players!



Games Together!

Electing Officers & Committee Members 2025-26

Chris Wright



Trustees are elected yearly



For a maximum term of 3 years

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

NB: Maximum Term is 9 years whether contiguous or not

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS (max 8)

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

Co-optees ...

Please consider Volunteering for one year to support and find out 'how your u3a works'



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



Trustees 'standing down' this AGM

Co-optees ... Liz Smith
John A Smith

C'tee Member ... Susan Powell

Officers ... Chris Wright - Chair
Cliff Bassett - Treasurer

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Trustees (Officers) for 2025-26 ...

Proposed by 2024-25 Chair

Seconded by 2024-25 Committee



Chair (NEW)	Elaine de Graaff	(1 st of max 3 years)
Vice Chair (NEW)	Linda Ruston	(1 st of max 3 years)
Secretary	Linda Barton	(2 nd of max 3 years)
Treasurer (NEW)	Susan Hannah	(1 st of max 3 years)

Trustees (Committee) for 2025-26

Proposed by 2024-25 Chair

Seconded by 2024-25 Committee



Activities	Heather Yarwood	(2 nd of max 3 years)
M'Ship Secretary	Janet Hardy	(4 th of max 5 years)*
Speakers Secretary	Jane Jasper	(2 nd of max 3 years)
IT Support (NEW)	John Barton	(1 st of max 3 years)
Host Coordinator	Jean Swift	(1 st of max 3 years)
Member (NEW)	Liz Ross	(1 st of max 3 years)

Co-optees 2025-26 ...

Proposed & Seconded by your Committee

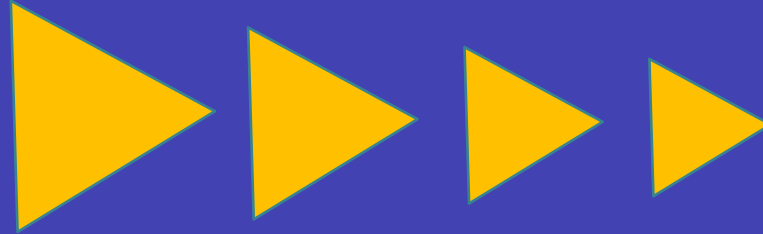


Alan Greenhalgh (NEW) (Max 1 year)

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Time to handover to your new Chair Elaine de Graaff
and welcome your new Committee (stand)

... I ask all members to give Elaine and
your new Committee every support
to continue to take Bridgnorth u3a forward –

Thank You

The AGM is officially closed

Thank you for joining us today

Elaine de Graaff

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Speaker ...

Liz Ross ...

‘60 degrees North’ ...

and other QIs’

about the Shetland Islands

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