

BJ&D u3a Chair's Annual Report September 2022 - August 2023

This is the time to reflect on our achievements over the past year and celebrate the tremendous hard work done by all of our volunteers leading to a vibrant, interesting, socially inclusive and full of fun u3a.

The annual report highlights our activities over the past year and a statement of accounts is included within the Treasurer's Annual Report.

1. The Committee

It has been a privilege to work with our supportive committee during the past year. We have a truly working committee, each member having a role and everyone getting on so well.

In May this year the committee reviewed the approach to claiming Gift Aid and were pleased to receive support for this cause from over 40% of our members. We are currently awaiting clarification from Central Office with regards to some detail before proceeding with the submission to HMRC.

Two new committee members, Gwen McCormick and David Yates have been co-opted into the committee and Alan Comerie has kindly accepted the Vice Chair role a few months ago. This will provide continuity when I have to step down from my role in Aug 2024.

Sadly two committee members will be stepping down at this AGM. Anne Hegarty has performed an excellent role as the Treasurer for the past 5 years and we are very grateful for her professionalism and commitment. Judith Wright will be stepping down as the Newsline Editor and we are very grateful for her enthusiasm and new ideas that she brought over the past year. Both will remain active in the life of our u3a whether as Group Coordinators or support to committee as and when may be required.

2. Membership

At the time of the 2022 AGM we had a membership of 362. This was followed by an initial drop in membership during renewal time in Dec 22. However, the first 6 months of 2023 has seen several active new

members joining us, so much so that we are now at a membership number of 365 [three up on last year at the time of writing]. Our membership is split - 62% Female & 38% Male.

Our style of "drop in" new members' coffee mornings were well received and will be continued at future such meetings. These provide an opportunity for the committee to get to know the new members and for them to find out more about our u3a.

My thanks go to Rupert Williams our Membership Secretary for his commitment and dedication.

3. Groups

Groups are at the heart of what our u3a is about and during the past year a few new groups have started. These include Political History discussion group, Fishing, Vogue BJ (Fashion group) and Classic Cars enthusiasts group. We now have 53 active groups.

A very successful Group Coordinators' luncheon was held in March 2023 as a thank you for everyone's hard work.

My special thanks go to Christine Shepherd for all her hard work and enthusiasm and support in this important area of responsibility.

4. Monthly Meetings

We have had a variety of speakers this year, from charities such as the National Association of Blood Bikes, Stonebridge City Farm, Medical Detection Dogs, to Beekeeping, information about making a Will and Lasting Powers of Attorney, a stroll down memory lane through the pages of the Nottingham Post's "Bygones" section, recollections of the 1950s Rock 'n Roll era from someone at the heart of it, and the confessions of a country vicar.

The selection of speakers is made from a variety of sources, principally; previous well-received talks by the speaker, personal recommendations by members, and recommendations from other U3As.

Many thanks go to Alan Comerie for providing such a varied programme and for his work behind the scenes ensuring the sound and visual systems work smoothly.

Many thanks go to Elaine Bass who has baked scrumptious cakes and looked after the tea/ coffee 'service' supported by other volunteers. Our members very much enjoy the opportunity to socialise following a Speaker session.

To Gren Shepherd our Safety Officer who always reassures us at the start of the meeting that emergencies are highly unlikely to occur.

In addition thanks to other volunteers setting up/ away the tables and chairs as well as the Welcomers outside and inside the hall.

5. Newslines

Judith Wright took over as Editor in December 2021 and the decision was made to produce Newslines quarterly, with either Colin Simm or Alan Comerie assisting with the publishing and Hilary McCallum as a 'cub reporter'. Judith's aim was to look forward so that members, especially new ones, can see what they can get involved in.

Sadly Judith will be stepping down from this role and the committee after the AGM. As a past Chair of our u3a her knowledge was extremely valuable to us all and I'm very grateful for her contributions and enthusiasm and very skilful writing.

6. News Bulletins

With Newslines being produced quarterly there was a need to inform our members of upcoming monthly events in a timely manner. Alan Comerie has produced a concise, effective and colourful 'one page' bulletin which is well received by our members. Many thanks go to him for his initiative and multiple talents.

7. Website

Our website has a new and modern look with a view to attract new members as well as make it easier for existing members to find relevant information.

Many thanks go to Alan Comerie for keeping the website up-to-date and adding various enhancements throughout the year including a link to a new video produced by the Head Office highlighting u3a offerings.

8. Facebook

Our Private Facebook group membership has grown from 86 members last year to **109** enjoying a wide variety of posts covering groups' activities and upcoming events. Many thanks to Alan Comerie for administering and keeping it alive.

9. Outings

We have had a number of interesting and enjoyable outings this year including a Cruise & Sunday lunch on the River Trent in August, Bletchley Park in September, Thursford Xmas extravaganza show with a Xmas lunch at the Priory Refectory at Walsingham, trip to the History of British Cars museum in Ambergate and Houses of Parliament private tour preceded by a cruise on the river Thames.

My thanks go to Alwyn Foster for organising these events in a highly professional manner supported by Caroline Roberts and me on the Beacon system front. Also thanks to Anne Hegarty our Treasurer for collating and processing payments.

10. Social Events

We held a number of social events in the Village Hall including an enjoyable Murder Mystery Night last Nov and a successful Quiz Night with a Fish & Chips supper in May.

My thanks go to Rob Johnson for his commitment to deliver a varied programme, and to Elaine Bass who looked after the catering elements and to Anne Hegarty for collating and processing payments.

11. Publicity

To promote our u3a we held a stall at the Burton Joyce Library re-launch event in July. It has put us in the limelight, with our committee representatives being filmed on the BJ TV channel.

Our gardening group maintains a planter at the entrance to BJ Coop with a plaque promoting BJ&D u3a.

I envisage more work in this area for the coming year to spread the word about who we are and the benefits we bring to our members.

12. Money

Many thanks go to our Treasurer, Anne Hegarty, who has carried out her responsibilities in a professional manner providing support and advice where needed.

And lastly thanks go to anyone else that I have not mentioned above who has contributed in any way to the success of the Burton Joyce & District u3a and long may you all continue.

Anna Moore
Chair Burton Joyce & District
u3a 31st July 2023

Burton Joyce & District U3A

Treasurer's Report

Y/E 30.6.23

The accounts are in the usual format that we submit to The Charity Commission. I have attached a breakdown of the expenditure showing exactly how your subscription fees have been spent.

Expenses exceed income by £1029.63. This can mainly be explained by the fact that, last year, National Office delayed sending the invoice of £868.26 for the TAM magazines until July, but then sent it out this year in April as usual which means that we have paid for 2 years of magazines in this financial year.

We are holding £130.50 balances paid for the August boat trip but have paid £104 deposit for the Thursford trip.

We have paid £350 for the new website and have purchased a new table tennis table (£467) and 23 new tablecloths (£236.25).

At the end of the year we had a total bank balance of £7518.22.

BURTON JOYCE & DISTRICT U3A
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30.6.23

	bal b/f	8547.85
RECEIPTS		
Groups Income	7265.09	
Social Income	1308.00	
Trips Income	3824.50	
Membership Subscriptions	6205.79	
Bank Interest	19.45	
Diaries	<u>48.75</u>	
	18671.58	
Less PAYMENTS		
Group Venue Hire	5022.25	
Tutors	2115.00	
Committee Venue Hire	180.00	
New Equipment	703.25	
U3A Expenditure	3384.70	
National Office fees	3483.46	
Social Expenditure	1005.60	
Trips Expenditure	3806.95	
	19701.21	<u>-1029.63</u>
	bal c/f	<u>7518.22</u>
	TSB Bank @ 30.6.23	
Current		2629.89
Deposit		4150.43
Trips		<u>737.90</u>
		<u>7518.22</u>

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

We have reviewed the accounts and we hereby confirm they are in agreement with the accounting records, information and explanations provided to us.

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Dated: 23 July 2023