

## **BJ&D u3a Chair's Annual Report September 2023 - August 2024**

This will be my last Annual Report as Chair of BJ&Du3a, after 3 years in this role it's time to step down and hand over to a newly elected Chair at the forthcoming AGM.

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve our members and promote the u3a to others at every opportunity. I know that belonging to a u3a makes a huge difference to our livelihood, promoting learning and socialising and having fun.

There have been significant achievements over the past year including an increase in membership numbers, the set-up of new interest groups and the introduction of new Outings team to share new experiences.

It is an opportunity to 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 gives more detail of our activities over the past year and a statement of accounts is included within the Treasurer's Annual Report.

### **1. The Committee**

Our volunteer committee members are responsible for the day to day running of the organisation as well as making decisions on specific relevant items. We comply with the Third Age Trust and Charity Commission's requirements as well as our own Constitution.

It has been a pleasure working with our supportive committee, each member having a role and everyone getting on so well.

A big thank you to all for their valued contributions.

### **2. Membership**

I am pleased to advise that we have had an increase in membership since the AGM in 2023.

A year ago the number stood at 365.

This has increased by 16 new members to 381.

Our new member "drop in" coffee mornings have continued with some lively meetings and good percentage turnout. The members appreciate the information shared at these meetings and the opportunity for all to explore what the u3a can offer them and in return what they can offer the u3a.

My thanks go to Rupert Williams our Membership Secretary for his commitment, dedication and sensitivity when dealing with individual members circumstances. Rupert will be stepping down at the AGM after completing 3 years in this important role.

### **3. Groups**

Groups are at the heart of our u3a and during the past year a few new groups have started. These include: Armchair Travel, Flower Arranging, Out and About and Photography. We now have 52 active groups, covering 41 subjects.

A very successful Group Coordinators' meeting was held on 31st October 2023 with an attendance of 40. The main topic discussed was in relation to risk management at group activities. This was followed by lunch giving everyone an opportunity to meet others and chat informally.

My special thanks go to Christine Shepherd for all her hard work and enthusiasm and support in this important area of responsibility. Further thanks go to all the Group Coordinators for their commitment and dedication.

### **4. Monthly Meetings**

We have had a variety of speakers this year; from charities such as the Mary Rose Trust, to "Pilots in Petticoats" (the determined ladies whose achievements enabled women to write their own place in aviation history), the strange story of the role that King George V played in bringing Jazz to Britain in 1919, stories from a BBC Sports Reporter about his contact with the rich and famous, the murder of a Blackpool widow, the history of Nottingham's theatres, and, just last month, the bloodiest battle of the Wars of the Roses.

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. News Bulletins**

Alan Comerie has produced a concise, effective and colourful 'one page' bulletin which is well received by our members. He also ensures our monthly meetings are publicised in the Burton Joyce Village Magazine. Many thanks go to him for his initiative and multiple talents.

## **6. Website**

Our website has a new and modern look with a view to attracting new members as well as making 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.

## **7. Facebook**

Our Private Facebook group membership has grown to **115** enjoying a wide variety of posts covering groups' activities and upcoming events. Many thanks to Alan Comerie and other contributors for keeping it alive.

## **8. Outings**

A new group called Time Out was set up this past year and organised a number of trips to various destinations including:

In February a trip by train to Leicester to visit the Richard 111 museum, a well thought out exhibition which members found very interesting.

In March a Bowling experience in Nottingham which was very well attended. Afterwards a lovely meal at a local Italian restaurant.

In April a night event of the band Kelly's Heroes at Mapperley Social Club which our members thoroughly enjoyed.

In May a visit to Fletchers, a student run restaurant that gave us a superb meal and this was followed by a tour of the new Nottingham City library. Both venues were very well received by the members.

In addition a trip to Lea Gardens, Matlock where 32 members enjoyed the beautiful gardens of rhododendrons and azaleas set in an old quarry.

In June it was lunch at an Armenian cafe in Southwell followed by a wildflower meadow tour to see the orchids.

July's trip by a mini bus was to Trentham Gardens, Stoke on Trent.

My thanks go to Jacqui Hudson and Elaine Bass for coming up with the idea of Out and About and successfully organising and implementing these events in a professional and fun loving manner. Also thanks go to Jacky Hudson our Treasurer for collating and processing payments.

## **9. Social Events**

We held a number of social events in the Village Hall including a lively Ceilidh night in October 23 and a successful Quiz Night in May 24. We trialled a social event without the customary fish & chips and replaced it with 'Bring your own Nibbles and Drink', this was favoured by most attendees.

My thanks go to Rob Johnson who will be stepping down from the role of Events Organiser and a Committee members after completing 3 successful years. His commitment and delivery skills will be missed.

Further thanks go to Elaine Bass who looked after the catering elements and to the Treasurer Jacky Kinsey for collating and processing payments.

## **10. Publicity**

Most of our new members hear about us via a word of mouth or the Burton Joyce Magazine

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.

## **11. Money**

Many thanks go to our Treasurer, Jacky Kinsey, who has carried out her responsibilities in a professional manner providing support and advice where needed. In addition for taking the responsibility for claiming Gift Aid for our u3a this year.

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 2024

**Burton Joyce & District U3A**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Year ended 30 June 2024**

The accounts are in the usual format for submission to The Charity Commission. A breakdown of expenditure is attached showing how subscription fees have been spent.

Income exceeds expenses by £1,309.47.

At 30 June 2024 balances of £213.75 had been received for the July trip to Trentham Gardens. Payment for the use of the Poplars Sports Ground in June by the pétanque group of £82.40 was made after the year end.

A contribution of £400 has been made to Burton Joyce Parish Council in respect of new pétanque pistes at the Poplars Sports Ground.

At the year end the total bank balance is £8,827.69.

**Burton Joyce and District U3A****Statement of accounts for the year ended 30 June 2024**

	£	£		
<b>Balance b/f</b>		7,518.22		
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Group income	8705.35			
Social Income	2847.05			
Trips income	6921.25			
Membership subscriptions	6650.52			
Bank interest	47.32			
Donations	64.00			
U3A merchandise	97.00			
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	25,332.49			
<b>Less PAYMENTS</b>				
Group venue hire	5,422.95			
Tutors	2,915.00			
U3A expenses	2,923.36			
National office	2,837.58			
Committee	325.38			
Contribution	400.00			
Social events expenditure	2,290.00			
Trips expenditure	6,908.75			
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	24,023.02	1,309.47		
<b>Balance c/f</b>		<b>8,827.69</b>		
<b>Per TSB @ 30 June 2024</b>				
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Main a/c</b>	<b>Deposit</b>	<b>Trips</b>
	8,827.69	3,879.54	4,197.75	750.40
<b>Bank detail:</b>				
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Main a/c</b>	<b>Deposit</b>	<b>Trips</b>
Balance June 23 b/f	7,518.22	2,629.89	4,150.43	737.90
Receipts in	25,332.49	18,363.92	47.32	6,921.25
Payments out	(24,023.02)	(17,114.27)		(6,908.75)
Transfer	-			
<b>Balance c/f</b>	<b>8,827.69</b>	<b>3,879.54</b>	<b>4,197.75</b>	<b>750.40</b>

**INCOME YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	Group income	Group refunds	Subscriptions	U3A merch	Bank Interest	Social	Trips	Donation	Total
JULY	773.65		36.26		2.22		1704.50	5.00	2521.63
AUGUST	509.10		63.00		2.54	140.00	2,884.05		3598.69
SEPTEMBER	385.00		17.26		3.17	1,045.30	1,929.20		3379.93
OCTOBER	964.00		84.00	85.50	3.07	138.00	109.00		1383.57
NOVEMBER	657.90		5,036.50	4.50	3.63		214.00		5916.53
DECEMBER	485.00		757.50	2.00	4.60		80.50	10.50	1340.10
JANUARY	764.70		312.00		4.75			16.50	1097.95
FEBRUARY	643.05		180.00		4.75				827.80
MARCH	764.40		54.00	5.00	4.45	180.00		2.00	1009.85
APRIL	855.00		52.00		4.76	110.00			1021.76
MAY	1036.15		38.00		4.61	1020.00		30.00	2128.76
JUNE	867.40		20.00		4.77	213.75			1105.92
	<u>8705.35</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6650.52</u>	<u>97.00</u>	<u>47.32</u>	<u>2847.05</u>	<u>6921.25</u>	<u>64.00</u>	

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**U3A EXPENSES YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Speakers	75.00	0.00	90.00	70.00	80.00		120.00	65.00	75.00	50.00	70.00	70.00	765.00
Catering	31.50	38.89	27.98	25.40	32.10	219.74	29.75	28.40	30.90	31.73	24.03	29.35	549.77
Venue Hire							225.00			265.00		225.00	715.00
P&S	88.06	13.20		13.40				7.35	105.84			12.13	239.98
Subscription overpayments refunded	9.00					51.00	33.00						93.00
New members meeting		63.95			57.60			46.85					168.40
CLA licence renewal		64.20											64.20
Gifts		54.00											54.00
Diaries and lanyards				121.98									121.98
Car stickers									25.99				25.99
Zoom meeting cost					15.59								15.59
Quiz prizes						23.50					56.95		80.45
Notts network							30.00						30.00
	<b>203.56</b>	<b>234.24</b>	<b>117.98</b>	<b>230.78</b>	<b>185.29</b>	<b>294.24</b>	<b>437.75</b>	<b>147.60</b>	<b>237.73</b>	<b>346.73</b>	<b>150.98</b>	<b>336.48</b>	<b>2923.36</b>