

2020 AGM Committee & Chairman's Report.

An obvious statement, but looking back to September 2019, who would have thought that within less than 6 months all the normal U3A activity would suddenly have to stop and we would enter this unreal and somewhat challenging time, with every thought and action prefaced with the phrase Covid-19.

So, what can we remember from that first half year since the last AGM?

- We got ourselves a new Committee, with a good mix of fresh blood and old experience. Their enthusiasm and efforts resulted in significant achievements which would, in my opinion, include: -
- A new Committee structure, more flexible and more adaptable. Working with all the Group Leaders we saw some new Groups start up, membership levels and attendance were growing and good communication meant that where issues were highlighted, we were able to respond promptly and positively.
- We saw a new St Neots U3A Facebook page start-up. A revamped Newsletter emailed monthly together with a postal buddy system. Two outstanding display events, showcasing our activities, at the St Neots Community Day and the St Neots in Flowers Day; plus, a monthly slot on a local radio station (Black Cat radio) with almost daily mentions of your U3A.
- The appreciation and congratulations that we have received, both internally from the membership and externally from other organisations or U3As, gives a clear indication that we are getting somethings right.

Committee members – Group Leaders – RUMs (Really Useful Members)

I would like at this point to put on record, on behalf of the membership, my thanks to all the Committee and Group Leaders for their commitment and effort over the last year. Vice Chairman Dave Jarrett, a long term member of the committee in various roles and always a source of wisdom; Treasurer Mavis Thompson with a steady hand on the Financial records, see her report for more details; Roger Worden, wearing multiple hats including Web and Beacon administrator; my better half Jill who thought that the role of Venue Coordinator “wouldn’t be too arduous” (who knew). Ann Ferguson in her first year as secretary, Yve Grace and now Dot Morfett as Group coordinator, Tony Summerlin as Membership secretary and of course cooped members John and Sheila without whom your U3A could not operate. There are too many Group Leaders to mention individually, but you know who you are and how invaluable your contributions are for your group members! Once again, thanks you all, stand up and take a virtual bow.

So, what about the second half of the year?

New words like coronavirus, lockdown, social distancing and Zoom, now abound with every news broadcast. We must not be flippant, it is serious and let’s face it, most of us are in the “at risk” age group or could have “underlying health conditions”

Some Group Activities are now beginning to restart, but each of us must make out own decisions on whether we should attend or not. We have involved Group Leaders in the ongoing exercise of checking our Venues are “Covid secure.” Members must also be aware of their responsibility to follow procedures that are in place. The majority of Groups have expressed a desire to restart but we do expect attendance to be lower than normal.

These Covid times are far from over but we will continue to support all meetings, be they virtual on-line/Zoom based, outside gatherings or inside at Covid-secure venues. As always progress and announcements’ will be made when required on the Web site, Newsletter or via Beacon emails.

Upcoming 2020 AGM

Finally let me come to this Year’s virtual AGM and the items requiring your voting action.

The link at the end of the article will take you to a Voting Page where you can select your vote with the usual options of ---- For / Against / Abstain ---- on the following

- Acceptance of 2019 20 AGM minutes
- acceptance of Year End reports, previously supplied by the treasure
- election of accountants

- nominations to the Committee
- Acceptance of Motions 1 and 2, previously detailed for your attention.

Membership Renewals

As you will remember all our 2019-20 memberships, due for renewal on July 1st were extended until further notice, due to the “suspension of normal services”

It is expected that we will start Membership Renewals in the near future with a reduced fee, at a level aimed at achieving breakeven for this reduced membership year, to June 30th 2021

Groups restarting

As we go to press, 6 groups have restarted and another 24 groups intend to restart in September or October. Of the remaining Groups, some are unable or unwilling to restart or are continuing to meet via Zoom for the time being. In all cases your Group Leaders will keep you advised on meeting days/times and confirm which venues to use, as some venues have changed plus the procedures to be followed.

We have said it before, I know, but even if your group has restarted each member must consider their own health and personal circumstances before attending.

Looking ahead.

The 12 months following this AGM will present a number of challenges not least due to the uncertainty of Covid 19 developments and the effect on U3A Activities running costs and income levels. Acceptance of motions 1 and 2 as detailed previously, will enable the Committee to make more timely decisions as costs are incurred and income levels fluctuate and as Development plans are revisited and re-costed for 2020 -21

I look forward to another productive year working with your Committee on the challenging task of helping St Neots U3A Restart and Regrow from the effects of this pandemic.

Best Regards and stay safe.



Ian Richardson
Chairman
St Neots U3A

TREASURERS REPORT 2020

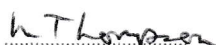
This is my fourth report to accompany these accounts. Due to our limited activities this year, our reserves have held steady, but are likely to reduce considerably in the following year. We will continue to monitor this closely and ensure that the assets of our U3A are protected. My thanks go to Mrs O Yeomans who stepped in at very short notice to examine these accounts, following the sad death of Mr M Bell.

Receipts and Payments Account for Year Ended 30 June 2020

	2019-20 £	2018-19 £
Receipts		
Activity Income	15896.85	19495.50
Subscriptions	15201.50	14007.00
Gift Aid	1918.18	2294.37
Interest received	37.60	51.82
Monthly Meetings	721.10	920.79
	<u>33775.23</u>	<u>36769.48</u>
Payments		
Activity Room Hire	18648.38	23390.58
Activity Costs	990.38	978.49
Magazine & Distribution	3734.15	4716.00
Newsheet	432.50	296.00
MM Hall Hire	700.50	1167.50
MM Speakers	535.00	1186.00
MM Refreshments	76.28	324.61
Special Events (net)	1032.51	1889.97
TAT membership subscription	4011.00	3685.50
Committee, Network Meetings etc.	295.84	710.18
Beacon Licence	1144.00	1055.00
Postage, Printing & Stationery	460.19	550.39
Equipment	1013.09	1665.70
Cinema (net)	0.00	354.50
Miscellaneous (net)	1523.98	529.72
	<u>34597.80</u>	<u>42500.14</u>
Excess (Shortfall) of receipts over payments	(822.57)	(5730.66)
Add General Fund brought forward	23490.70	29221.36
General Fund C/F	<u>22668.13</u>	<u>23490.70</u>
Social Fund		
Income	8199.00	32430.65
Entry Fees	(3709.75)	(18152.19)
Coach Hire	(3433.00)	(10184.00)
Driver Tips	(175.00)	(450.00)
Sundry Expenses	(32.00)	(85.00)
Barn Dance Costs	0.00	(1251.16)
Christmas Party Costs	(1084.42)	(1095.05)
Surplus (Shortfall) on Social Fund	(235.17)	1213.25
Social Fund brought forward	6550.85	5337.60
Social Fund C/F	<u>6315.68</u>	<u>6550.85</u>
Total Funds C/F	<u>28983.81</u>	<u>30041.55</u>

Balance Sheet at 30 June 2020

	2019-20 £	2018-19 £
Cash at bank:		
Main Account	3078.70	3888.87
Membs.Social Account	6315.68	6550.85
Business Reserve Account	19489.43	19451.83
Miscellaneous:		
Petty Cash	100.00	100.00
Membership float	0.00	50.00
Total:	<u>28983.81</u>	<u>30041.55</u>
Subscriptions paid in advance for the new year are held as follows:		
Advance subs account at bank	0.00	6241.51
Paypal account, net of charges	4.73	4700.79
	<u>4.73</u>	<u>10942.30</u>


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Accountant's Report and Certificate

Acting as Accountant, but not as Auditor, I have examined the Receipts and Payments Account, Social Fund Statement and Balance Sheet, all of which were prepared by the Treasurer, for the year ended 30th June 2020, together with the records, vouchers, and information and explanations provided to me by the Treasurer, which disclose a net total excess of Expenditure over Income for the year of £1,057.74 and a total surplus carried forward as at 30th June 2020 of £28,983.81 and I certify that the same Receipts and Payments Account, Social Fund Statement and Balance Sheet are in accordance therewith.



Oonagh Yeomans FMAAT
27 July 2020